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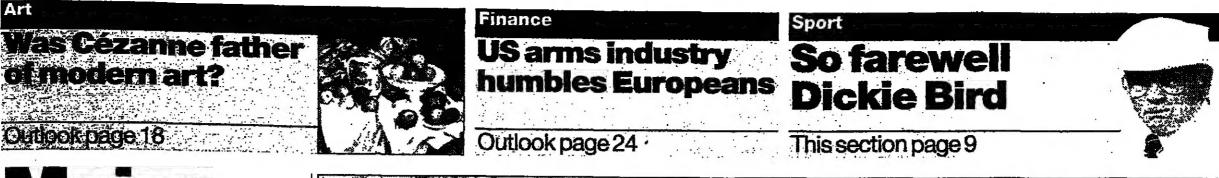
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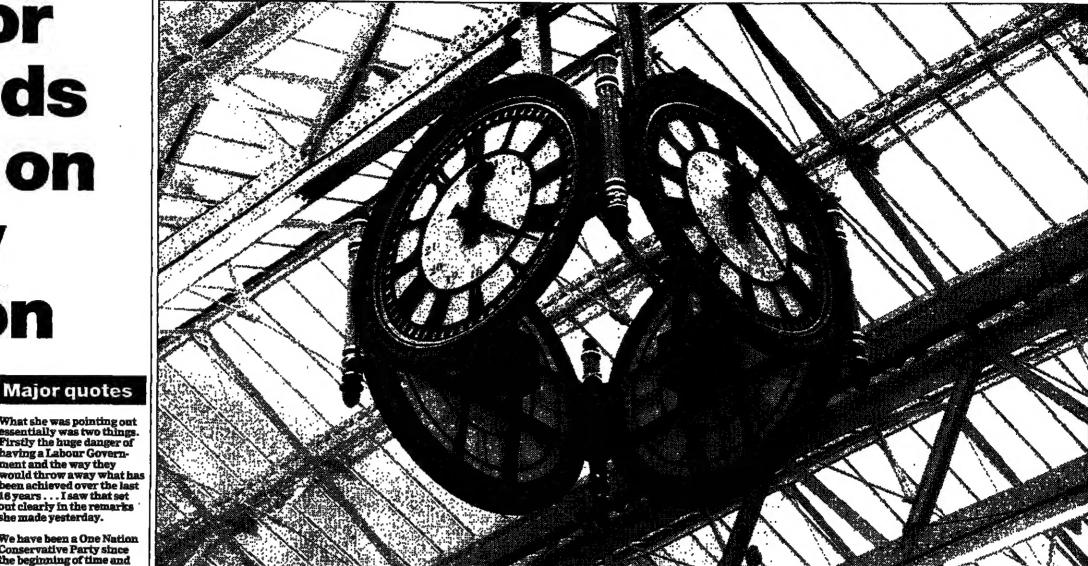
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RWaterloo station's fam-ous Edwardian clock to its home yesterday, 30ft above the main conc urse, after three months of meticulous

refurbishment, writes Gary Younge. The complete overhaul and restoration, funded jointly by Railtrack and the Pauluan Horizon States of the style.

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used authentic techniques and materials to re-estab-lish the clock's inimitable Railway Heritage Trust, | thorough service, the | Railtrack.

clock's appearance had changed significantly over the years after repairs and repainting," said Bob Hill, director of property for were removed.

After taking the 1.7 tonne | cast iron structure was clock from its mounting, then shot-blasted, and the opal glazing panels finally painted by hand from each of the four faces using traditional enamel paints.

The red and gold-painted PHOTOGRAPH: GRAHAM TURNE



Patrick Wintour, Chief Political Correspondent

HE Prime Minister yesterday rejected Lady Thatcher's call to abandon One

Nation Conserva-tism, insisting he would not be deflected from his determination to fight the next elec-tion from the centre ground. Looking relaxed in public,

but described as privately livid at Lady Thatcher's latest broadside, Mr Major insisted: We have been a One Nation Conservative Party since the beginning of time and we are now. Who could suggest dif-ferently? How could you pos-sibly have a two-nation party

He implicitly rejected her analysis that the party had shifted to the left under his eadership, saying his policies

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16 years . . . I saw that set out clearly in the remarks she made yesterday. We have been a One Nation

Conservative Party since the beginning of time and we are now . . . how can one possibly have a two nation party of any sort?

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What she was pointing out essentially was two things. Firstly the huge danger of having a Labour Governwould throw away what has been achieved over the last

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and more home ownership an input into that policy. were part of a continuum

stretching back to 1979. His carefully crafted and firm riposte was, in large part, designed to placate the Tory left and prevent speech acting as the catalyst for further defections.

In public, cabinet leftwingers sought to put the most favourable gloss on her controversial Thursday night speech, her first on domestic politics for five years, highlighting the attack on Tony Blair. In private they shared the exasperation of many backbenchers at her call for a return to true rightwing policies. They claimed she had deliberately stoked up the par-ty's civil war on Europe and, unforgivably, legitimised fur-ther rebellions by advocating

dissent within the party.

Speaking in his Hunting-don constituency Mr Major gave his direct reply to Lady Thatcher's call to do more to placate the middle classes, promising: "I will not be pushed off what I believe to be right. That is why I have not taken short-term popular decisions." His aides vowed he would justify this answer in detail in a speech on the econ-omy next Thursday to the In-stitute of Directors.

He also said: "The essence of being a One Nation Conser-vative is the things I have been talking about — an in-clusive society dealing with the problems that people face — problems like crime, problems like jobs, problems like prosperity." But he avoided any public

slight to his one-time patron saying: "Lady Thatcher is a very important part of the Conservative Party. The Con-servative Party, as I have been saying for a long time, is a broad church. "Every part of that Conser-SUCCESS.

varive Party has an input into that policy. When we have that input into our policy, we set out what it is, and we live and we win in the centre right of politics. He also highlighted her

attack on the Labour Party. "I rather imagine Lady the increasingly vocal Pro-Thatcher would be rather European Group was even baffled by much of what she more dismissive, describing read today in view of the the speech as a voice coming speech she gave yesterday. I from the cemetary of British think people should read politics. "It was very sad carefully what she has said, really. She looked old and ill." including the huge danger of a Labour government." Mr Lilley, one of the four Kettie, page 15

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Here and abroad we have

now delivered a platform of prosperity that we have not seen equalled in this country for two deca and I am going to build on that platform of prosperity and I do not intend to be

pushed off it. rightwing cabinet ministers praised by Lady Thatcher, claimed that if she read out passages of the London tele phone directory, the media,

with its own agenda, would seek to describe it all as a direct attack on John Major. The Deputy Prime Minister Michael Heseltine, admitted his party would not win an election if it were called now,

but he played down her im-pact saying: "She did not throw her hat into the ring; she made a speech." Other senior pro-European Tories did not see her remarks as incoment or mis-

remarks as innocent or misrepresented in the media. The most senior Tory attack came from the former foreign secretary, Lord Howe, whose resignation precipitated her downfall. He rounded on her claim that One Nation Tory-ism might bring about No Nation Torvism.

He said it was an ill-judged tics of many Tory laftwingers since it also showed her deep disrespect for "one of the most sacred phrases in the Tory pantheon — One Nation".

One Nation, No Nation Tories was a glib phrase, "For any Conservative leader to be capable of delivering such a phrase is to reveal a profound misunderstanding of the purpose of the Conservative Party and of our

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The leftish Tory Reform Group was even more angered, pointing out that in February 1986 she said: "We must learn again to be one nation, or one day we shall be no nation." overturned by the European

German deficit jeopardises single currency timetable

John Paimer in Brusseis

C LACKENED growth has Smade it doubtful whether even core monetary union countries such as Germany and France can meet all the Maastricht treaty conditions for the single cur-rancy by the end of next year. Brussels and European Union governments are now looking for ways to relax in-

terpretations of the treaty conditions, fearing that otherwise the European slowdown will force a delay in the time-table for a single currency beyond January 1999. "People are looking very

closely at the exact wording of the treaty and, in particu-lar, at the need for the lar, at the need for the European Council to give an "overall assessment" of whether countries should go ahead to a single currency,"

In Madrid last month, the 15 EU heads of government agreed that the final decision about which countries qualify for the single currency will be taken early in 1998 on the basis of data for 1997.

year's German budget deficit reached 3.6 per cent — well above the 3 per cent limit set by the treaty — came as a shock to the European Commission and other EU The knock-on effect of

slower growth in Germany could add to unamployment in France and, as a result, push up the deficit there well above 4 per cent next year. two years' time. A slowdown would also make it even more difficult for Germany and other countries

debt below the 60 per cent of GDP ceiling set by the treaty. "The treaty does not insist on a simple black and white answer to whether countries debt and deficits set out in it." the senior official said, "It

rather implies these factors should be taken into accountin the overall assessment." This could mean that countries which fall short of

the 3 per cent budget deficit limit at the end of 1997 might still qualify for the single cur-rency if their "planned" defi-cit for subsequent years

budget deficits are generated by consumption or by investment. This implies that, if EU governments counter the eco-nomic slowdown by increased public-sector investment, the resulting deficit might be

allowed for when the single in growth throughout Europe currency judgment is made in in the second half of this year. Governments which have est rates, although the been on the receiving end of acerbic German criticism for in EU member-states.

failure to meet the Maastricht criteria now take comfort from Bonn's emberrassment. "Perhaps we will hear fewer pious sermons from [the German finance minister]

Theo] Waigel in future," one diplomat said. But the fact that Germany now faces similar problems to other EU countries may make it easier to agree on a less dogmatic interpretation of the Maastricht criteria. The commission moved

swiftly yesterday to deny that differently."

News this week that last reached 3 per cent. According about the commitment to have the attraction of allow-institutions and move ear's German budget deficit to some experts, the Mass-launch the final stage of eco-ing Italy, Spain — and, per-bove the 3 per cent — well tricht treaty also distin-bove the 3 per cent limit set guishes between whether 1999 should have been Labour — to join in at the said that Germanynow acnomic and monetary union in 1999 should have been removed by the Madrid sum-mit," said Patrick Child, a commission spokesman. "That remains the goal we are working to."

Commission economists still predict a sharp recovery fuelled in part by lower inter-est rates, although this fore-cast is not universally shared

According to some experts in both Paris and Bonn, a delay in the EMU timetable would not be the disaster it might once have been. "There is widespread ac-

ceptance now that monetary union is more or less politi-cally irreversible," one Parisbased banker said yesterday. "Even the markets increasingly accept that the single currency is going to happen and, therefore, minor hiccups in the timetable are viewed

any delay in the EMU time table was being considered. "Any remaining doubts rates permanently might also

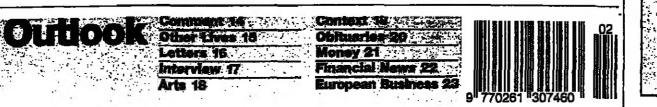
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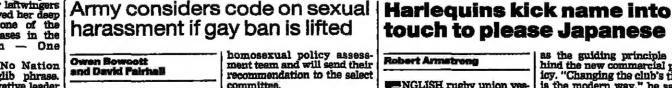
monetary union need not automatically mean delaying the planned introduction of the single currency in 2002. political resolve to reform EU | page 23

cepts that the decision on monetary union will be based

But a delay could weaken the Kohi's coalition on the ropes,







ALEAKED, secret report from the Army's personnel branch reveals that the forces could introduce a code outlaw-ing sexual harassment if forced to admit homosexuals. The 16-page document, marked "Restricted — Man-agement", concedes that the Army's "favoured solution" of a continued ban could be

Court or by Parliament. The disclosure of a fallback position prepared since summer comes days before the Armed Forces Select Commit-tee considers whether to relax the prohibition. The chiefs of staff of all three services remain opposed to any con-cession. Ministers are exam-

ining the findings of a Minis-try of Defence study by the

homosexual policy assess-ment team and will send their Robert Armstrong recommendation to the select

The MoD review follows court action brought by four ex-servicemen dismissed for ex-servicemen dismissed for being homosexual despite having exemplary service re-cords. Their claim was rejected by the Court of Ap-peal, but they intend to take the case to the European Court of Human Rights.

According to the leaked army report, by Lieutenant Colonel Peter Maggs, at-tached to the Army's disci-pline and welfare branch, 111 men and 112 women were dismissed for homosexuality between April 1988 and March 1995. "This figure does not

represent a great loss of trained personnel," the report notes.

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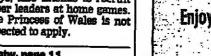
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The timetable for EMU is in jeopardy as Europe's key axis wobbles on the road to meeting the conversion criteria

Fears grow that Germany may miss the single currency boat

Mark Müner

VEN in the darkest hours, supporters of European monetary union have always been able to draw comfort from one, seemingly immutable, fact: whenever it happened, Germany, linchpin of the whole affair, would be ready.

Now that comfortable assumption is being challenged. German economic perfor-mance may not be able to deliver the Maastricht criteria by the end of 1997, leaving Luxembourg the only remaining racing certainty.

The first hints of trouble came on Monday when the German government an-nounced that, in 1995, its budget deficit was above 3 per cent of gross domestic product (national output) the ceiling laid down by the Maastricht treaty. On Thursday it fleshed out that forecast. Provisional estimates

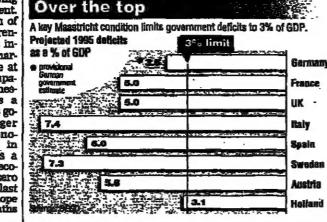
rate came in at 45 per cent. Coupled with the strength of the German mark and perennial complaints about the inflexibility of the labour market, the wage round made at least some German compa-nies think twice about domestic investment plans. As a result, in part, Germany is going through what Holger Schmieding, senior econo-mist at Merrill Lynch in

settlement, when the going

Frankfurt, describes as a "mini-recession", with economic growth slowing to zero over the second half of last year and "not much to hope for" in the first three months of this year.

Slower growth has meant lower tax revenues for the government but higher unem-ployment — up 230,000 last month — has meant a greater

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higher economic growth and | more complex scenario. Actax increases (possibly on fuel) will see the government cording to him. Germany may well get its deficit back under on the right track in 1997. 3 per cent of GDP by 1997 but Others are not so sure. The the borrowing run up in 1995 and 1996 could push accumudrain on the public purse, with the inevitable impact on the budget deficit. Economists like Jürgen Pfister at Commerzbank be-lieve that while Germany's budget deficit will the cording to Hermann Rem-sperger, an analyst at BHF bank in Frankfurt. "It is an open question whether Ger-many will reach the [deficit] lated government borrowing above 60 per cent of GDP — putting it in breach of an-other of the Maastricht rules. The decision as to which countries will be ready to sign up for monetary union will be taken in the spring of

1998 and German membership is certain to become a key issue in the federal elections that year. Mr Schmieding reckons

German politicians will have a hard job selling the idea of giving up the German mark in favour of a single currency. "It will be even harder if Germany does not meet the criteria Still, there will be some to whom doubts about EMU will come as a relief. Concern

about the introduction of a single currency has promoted the Swiss franc into the role of Europe's strongest cur-rency - not least because it will play no part in EMU. Such has been the demand

that its international value soared to a record level last year. That has hit Swiss erporters and given the central bank a headache trying to think of ways to reduce its value. Delay to currency union may cast a pall over Paris and Bonn, but it will play well enough in Zurich.

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Euro duo . . . Chancellor Heimut Kohl and President Jacques Chirac face a tough task in keeping European monetary union on track

Wife who killed husband walks free The franc fort heads for a fall

Stuart Miller

ADEVOTED 75-year-old wife who killed her seriously ill husband shortly before the couple's golden wed-ding anniversary walked free from the High Court in Edinburgh yesterday. Catherine Kerr was placed

on probation for two years after she admitted the culpable homicide of her husband,

Renfrewshire, last June bepression "bordering on fore trying to commit suicide insanity". Her counsel, John Morris, said: "The care of Mr Kerr unwith a drugs overdose. The court heard that Mr and Mrs Kerr, who had been married for 49 years and had two sons, had been a "devoted fortunately fell upon Mrs Kerr, who was not well, and it was an increasingly intolerand lowing couple". But after alle burden." Mr Karr had suffered a mas-sive heart attack and had chronic kidney failure, the she was originally charged

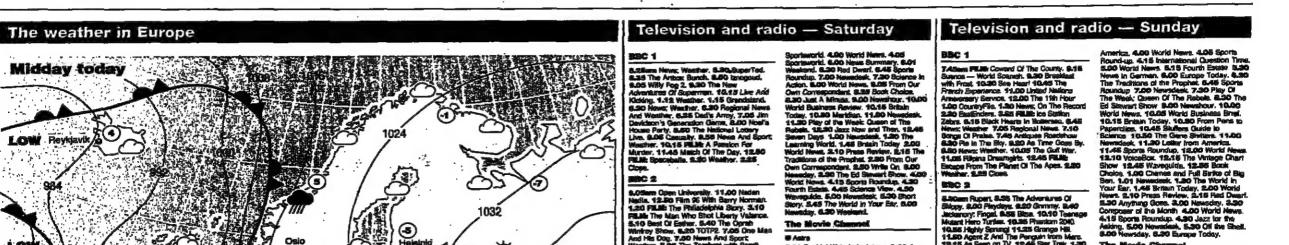
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Jemma facing the Chirac ad-ministration has become more apparent. The markets believe that President Jacques Chirac can either keep his pledge to cut unemployment or maintain France's determination to be part of the monstary union hard core - but not both. As evidence, they point to

makes a mockery of the gov-ernment's Panglossian growth forecasts, and the likelihood that the pre-Christmas strikes were merely a taster for the spring strike season. For the time being, the franc is being supported by the weakness of the dollar. but this may bring only tem-porary relief. The government will be

tween continued recession and devaluation, says Simon Briscoe at Nikko, the Japanese securities firm. He said: "We believe they will choose devaluation and delay the introduction of the single cur-rency until the year 2002."

It would be wrong, however, to assume that the time-table for a single currency will be given up without a fight

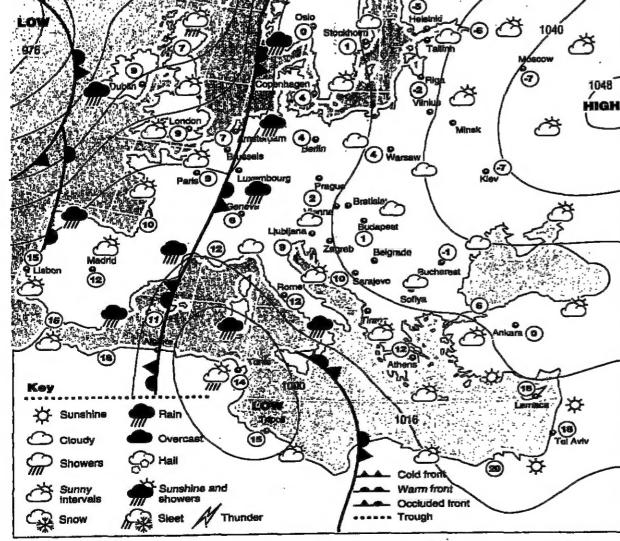


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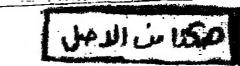
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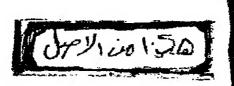
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HERE was a hopeful break in the Russian hostage crisis yester-day when Chechen lighters holding more than 100 hostages in the captured village of Pervomayskaya released some of them. The rebels offered to free 17 hostages, but eight decided to stay with friends and

relatives. It was the first sign of pro-gress in the stand-off between the rebels and a huge force of Russian troops determined not to let them cross from Dagestan into Chechenia with a single hostage.



More Russian army trucks and armoured personnel car-

riers moved towards the village yesterday, taking up po-sition about half a mile from It. Russian officials continue to say that they will not give in and, in an ominous sign that they were preparing to attack the rebels, troops evac-uated women and children

from the village of Sovietskoye, about three miles from Pervomayskaya, seized on Wednesday. Earlier, Dagestani officials

acting as intermediaries said the rebel leader, Salman Ra-duyev, had offered to release all the hostages if he was given safe passage just across the border instead of to the separatist-held village of Novogrozny in the Caucasus footbills, as originally de-manded. But they said the rebel raid. also incensed over the latest

Russians had rejected this E DID not know the hour of his Another attempt to end the impending death. deadlock came in the Dages-tani town of Khasavyurt, which has a large ethnic Che-But Francois Mitterrand did know the day it would come. He chen population. Local Che-chens there raised two busplanned it meticulously. According to revelations esterday, the late French

day and refused all drugs except painkillers.

bombing Chechens in the the curtains to be drawn in his Paris study and telepast. "I'm 100 per cent sure that if the hostages were Chechens, the federal authorities phoned his executor, media magnate Andre Rousselet.

typewriter or word proces-sor in favour of an old-fashioned fountain pen. In blue ink on three sheets of writing paper, he detailed in-structions for his funeral,

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on his memoirs until the very end, his editor told the

daily France-Soir. "He worked on it until Odile Jacob publishing

Mitterrand shunned a house was quoted as say-typewriter or word proces- ing. Odile Jacob has de-sor in favour of an old-fash- clined all official comment on the memoirs.

In a statement yesterday, Mitterrand's widow, Dan-Mitterrand wanted to work on the project even on the morning of his death, ielle, thanked the nation for its tributes which she

A few days before François Mitterrand's

back to sleep, France-Soir deeply. "I would like to said, citing unnamed asso- thank everyone who showed their affection for my husband." ciates. He never woke up. Yesterday Roland Dumas

a former foreign minister and close friend revealed Yesterday several French municipalities announced that they would rename streets and squares after the late president. The Socialist mayor of Is-

soudun, in central France, Mr Dumas announced that a research foundation bearing Mitterrand's name would be set up shortly. said he intended to name a street, a park and a square after the Socialist

president. He said: "The locations represent a link between culture and nature. This corresponds perfectly to Mitterrand's personality." Mitterrand was reported

to have become increas-ingly weak after spending Christmas by the Nile. According to Le Monde, on December 23 he told a doctor travelling with him that "in one month I wan" that "in one month I won't be here. I know that you cannot help me any more." The details of his decline were published in the wake of claims on Tuesday by Frédéric Mitterrand, that his uncle had received poor treatment since his pros



Mitterrand: refused all drugs except painkillers tate cancer was diagnosed

in 1981. **Dirty war dogs Spanish poll**

Adela Gooch in Madrid

T HAS taken 10 years for the skeletons of a "dirty war" fought against the Basque separatist group ETA in the mid 1960s to emerge. Now, after proving the key factor which forced the prime minister, Felipe González, to call an early election, they have become the issue most

likely to make him lose it. The scenario feared by Spain's Socialists in the runup to polling day on March 3 is about to come true as the supreme court prepares to charge one of Mr González's close associates in connection with the self-proclaimed antiterrorist liberation groups, GAL, responsible for 27 murders of suspected ETA activ-

ists between 1983 and 1987. The trial of José Barrionuevo, interior minister at the time, will coincide with the campaign, dragging the Socialists down and potentially catapulting the conservative opposition Popular Party to an electoral victory. But the PP, the main benefi-clary of a campaign by press and judiciary to investigate the GAL affair and its surrounding web of financial corruption, needs more than a narrow win if it is to form a stable government. The results of local and But the PP, which can count on traditional conservatives, must persuade the young and voters in the cen-tre that José Maria Aznar, a

make him vulnerable to attacks from Mr González, who won the last election against the odds by claiming the PP would cut pensions. Mr Aznar has qualified a pledge to reduce the top tax rate from 54 to 40 per cent saying his priority will be to cut the deficit to meet the criteria for European monetary union. Economic analysis doubt his claim to be able to cut the deficit, by 3 per cent over the

reactionary establishment de-void of new ideas and soft on

corruption, he is wooing the young with measures such as a pledge to cut military ser-

vice from nine months to six.

But his economic policies

next three years, without making inroads into Spain's fledgling wehare state. The confrontations in France have prompted Mr Aznar to announce that in office he would form a pact with the

unions and employers. The Socialists claim Mr Aznar's vision of the future is too pessimistic and have de-vised a defiant campaign slogan: "the positive view

With regard to the GAL af-air, though, their defiance may have gone too far for the

public to stomach. Last No-vember, Mr González suffered

a crushing blow when parlis-

ment stripped Mr Barrion-uevo of his immunity. Yester-

will utterly destroy them." In theory, Chechens and Caspian Dagestanis are as much Russian citizens as Boris Yeltsin and Chechenia and Dageslan are Russian territory as much as Moscow. But with even Russians speaking of them as if they were citizens of different countries, the whole concept of the Russian Federa tion as a united entity is becoming dangerously confused and fragile.

The picture becomes even more tangled since the word "Dagestani" itself is misleading. The people of Dagestan do not call themselves Dagestanis but describe themselves as members of one of the ter-ritory's 38-odd . ethnic

minorities The ethnic group caught in the middle of the crisis is Da-

gestan's largest, the Avars. Both Pervomayskaya and the village of Sovietskoye are Avar communities, created artificially in Soviet times. The relationship between the Avars and their Chechen neighbours has always been close. Both are Muslim

peoples and they fought side by side against the Russians in the 19th century. But although the Avars de-spise Russian actions against Chechenia, they consider the Chechen leader Dzhokhar Dudayev a clownish bandit and Chechen pretensions to independence absurd. They are

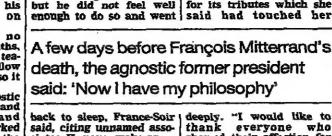
loads of volunteers, both men and women, offering them-and women, offering them-selves in exchange for the hostages seized in the rebel raid on Kizlyar on Tuesday. Zaindi Abliyev, editor of Khasavyurt's Chechen lanyesterday, the late French president, who died on Monday from prostate can-cer, asked his doctor last Saturday how long he would live if he ceased tak-ing medication. Told he would survive a maximum of three days, the 79-year-old former pres-ident reportedly discon-nected his drip the same day and refused all drugs guage newspaper, acknowledged that even if the Russians agreed to the idea, the rebels would not consider Chechen civilians a reliable human shield against a Rus-

stan military machine which has shown little restraint in According to today's Le Monde, he then asked for

which took place in his birthplace, Jarnac, on Thursday. There would be no speeches and no wreaths, just one bouquet of tea roses and another of yellow

Mitterrand, an agnostic fascinated by death and religion who read and wrote prodigiously, worked

his last day alive, and he that, a few days before Mit-completed the task." the terrand's death, the agnos-unnamed editor at the tic ex-president said "now I have my philosophy.



Primakov asserts Russian power

David Hearst in Moscow

JEVGENY PRIMAKOV. the spymaster turned foreign minister, yester-day set out a tough list of pri-

orities for Russia's foreign policy, designed to show that Russia still considered itself a world power.

He lost no time in spelling out his "negative attitude" to the central plank of American and European policy for Nato: the rapid expansion of the military alliance to include

countries of eastern Europe formerly allied to the Soviet Union. Such a development was against Europe's inter-ests and would be opposed by Russia, Mr Primakov stated. The new foreign minister said at his first press confer-

ence: "Russia was and contin-ues to be a great power," and hence demanded an "equal relationship" with Washing-ton and the unimpeded right to protect its interests in the territory of the former Soviet

Union and beyond. Russia's main foreign policy aim was to preserve the territorial integrity of the Federation, and end what he called the "centrifugal" tendencies inside the Commonwealth of Independent States. Mr Primakov said: "The sovereignty of the [former] republics of the USSR is irreversible, but that does not mean that the re-integration tendencies in the sphere of

the economy must not be developed." He laid out what national-ists and communists called a mined. For Washington be "more balanced" approach to Russia's relationship with the West. The list of Mr Prima- Andrei Kozyrev, who took kov's "important relationships" placed the United

States, Europe and the Euro-pean Union on a par with In-dia, Japan, the Middle East and the Near East.

Mr Primakov was mea- | in a more nationalist Duma.

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cow's relationship with Washington. He said there would not be a return to the confrontational policies of the cold war, but went on to spell out where the areas of confrontation lay. "I have a negative attitude

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on the possible expansion of Nato," he said, "I think it is counterproductive for the stabilisation of the situation in Europe and would undoubtedly create a new geopolitical

situation for Russia." He also said Russia would only ratify the Start 2 treaty to disarm strategic nuclear missiles, if Washington did missine, in Washington in not touch the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty. The linkage between Start 2 and ABM has been hinted at by President Boris Yelltsin, but never be-World news in brief fore so expressly stated. Republican senators in the US Congress have been cam-

paigning to scrap the ABM Treaty, to allow the US to deploy & multi-site missile de-fence system. Mr Primakov's statement

on ABM differed in important respects from the US state de-partment's interpretation of a conversation on Thursday be-tween the US secretary of state, Warren Christopher, Hooper. and Mr Primakov, Mr Primakov was reported as telling the US secretary of state, Warren Christopher, that Russia's parliament would ratify the treaty once the US Senate had done so.

Mr Primakov is due to meet Mr Christopher in February. Andrei Kozyrev, who took office declaring that Russia's central mission was to reenter the "civilised" world.

By the same token, Mr Primakov will be more representative of feeling in Russia and

Portugal heads for 'majority dictatorship' ALEFTWING Socialist who shown to have potent appeal for the electorate: that the back from electoral humilia-tion is the favourite to win Socialists should not have a monopoly of high office, tomorrow's presidential elec-tion in Portugal. Jorge Samamounting to a "dictatorship

of the majority". The Portuguese presidency paio, a 56-year-old lawyer is more than just a coremo-nial post. The head of state's with a reputation as his country's political "Mr Nice Guy", has led in the opinion polls from the start, writes John But his rival, the former

prime minister Anibal Ca-vaco Silva, who trounced him and play an important role as a head of state and a head of arbiter. at a general election five Tomorrow's vote is to party for the first time since years ago, is closing fast. He replace Mario Soares, who is the restoration of democracy has increasingly resorted to constitutionally bound to following Portugal's 1974 an argument which has been stand down after serving two revolution.

Crime syndicate 'froze tons of dolphin heads'

DOLLCE in Taiwan have freezer in the eastern future," an official from found six tons of dol coastal county of Yumlin, the cabinet's Council of found six tons of dol-phin heads in a freezer and but Mr Wu has refused to Agriculture said. Agriculture said. Taiwan has been criti-

say where the dolphins suspect that a huge crime syndicate may have came from. snuggled and killed them. Police said they had ar-rested one man, Wu Wan-chiao, for operating the efforts in this area in the snuggled and killed them. We face this incident with a heavy heart and the face this incident with a heavy heart and chiao, for operating the snuggled and killed them. Police said they had ar-chiao, for operating the state the face this incident to enforce international conservation laws that ban the killing of endangered animals. — Reuter.

consecutive five-year terms. Mr Cavaco Silva, aged 56, an economist who led the reforming free-market gov-ernment which took Portugal into the EU, decided not to stand for the premiership at last October's general

election. Power was won back by the Socialists under Antonio Gu-terres. So a victory for Mr powers are not quite as exten-sive of those of the Italian president, but he can veto leg-islation, dissolve parliament, Sampaio would give Portugal

Breaking in for freedom

Five East Timorese broke into the New Zealand em-bassy in Jakarta, Indonesia, yesterday by scaling the pe-rimeter fence, and another 10 were arrested trying to break into the Japanese embassy. In recent months 43 East

Timorese have broken into embassies in unsuccessful attempts to win asylum. - AP.

Ceausescu's hoard The parliamentary inquiry into the Romanian revolution has been given evidence by a former prime minister, Theo-dor Stolojan, confirming alle-gations that the late dictator Nicolae Ceausescu salted away more than £600 million before

in 1989, the evening newspaper Evenimentul Zilei reported -- Reuter.

About 600 masked and heavily armed members of the "histor-ic wing" of the Front for the

front of television cameras and Master forger dies reporters yesterday to an nounce a three-month suspen The English master forger Eric sion of their bombing cam-Hebborn has died in Rome paign, shortly before a visit by the French interior minister, Jean-Lonus Debré. — AP. from head injuries. Hospital officials said Hebborn, aged 61, who claimed to have paintings in many of the world's leading

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Bobbing back

galleries, was found lying in the street in the Trastevere dis-Jacques-Yves Cousteau's research ship Calypso, which sank in Singapore waters eartrict on Wednesday. -- Reuter. Obituary, page 28 lier this week, could be **Bubble trouble** refloated as early as next week. the ship's agents said yester-day. — AP. Inspectors following up Israeli MPs' complaints of feeling ill

No Japanese poll

in the Knesset found "pretty high concentrations of carbon The new Japanese prime mindioxide", an environment ministry spokesman said, add-ing: "It could be the air condiister, Ryutaro Hashimoto. rejected opposition and press calls for a general election which greeted his first full day in office yesterday, saying that the country could not afford a break in government poli-cies. — Reuter. his overthrow and execution

More snow

Bomb surprise

from the worst storm in decades, which left up to 30 National Liberation of Corsica | inches of snow in some | company, told the newspaper mounted a show of force in | cities. - Reuter.

tioning needs to be ad-justed." - Reuter. Queasy riders Bus drivers in Oslo, Norway, have asked horse riders to change their clothes before leaving the stables to spare the nostrils of other passengers. "Manure and the smell of A fresh storm is approaching

the eastern seaboard of the United States, still recovering horses stick to the seats, and our buses are brand new." Henry Gaarde, of the NSB bus

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regional elections last year showed that after 13 years of Socialist rule, votars are shifting towards the conservaitives. The Socialist vote rests on groups such as the elderly and rural jobless who fear erosion of their state benefits.

Socialists are now seen as a list party lists.

day the supreme court set bail of 15 million pesetas (\$80,000) and withdrew Mr Barrionuevo's passport as a prelude to prosecution on charges that he knew about the kidnapping of a French businessman. Nevertheless, Mr González is determined to give his close friend a prominent place on the parliamentary candidate hie parhamentary candidate lists. "I believe in José Bar-rionnevo's innocence," he said yesterday. "I will back our solidarity in support of him." According to a recent poll, however, 70 per cent of his countrymen "consider if a disgrace" that Mr Barrion-uevo should be on the Socialtime has come," said the PP leader preparing his third bid for office. Confident that the

Arresting . . . A Ukrainian nationalist at a Kiev rally is bundled into a police van clutching a poster demanding the resignation of the defence minister over Ukraine's nuclear disarmament policy PHOTOGRAPH: YEFREM LIKATSKY

The Guardian Saturday January 13 1996 **4 FOCUS: SOUTH AFRICA'S SEARCH FOR TRUTH** Spy scandal fuels calls for purge

DAVID BERESFORD in Johannesburg on the need to reopen old wounds and (below) on an inspired choice of head for the new **Truth Commission**

month showed the police chief leering at the camera from what appeared. to be an electric chair, it was an occasion to recall the les-

The scene was staged by Mr Fivaz, not to clear himself of any allegation of wrongdoing, but to smooth the way for other force commanders of more dubious reputation to be subjected to trial by electronic ordeal.

But nothing more has been heard or seen of the great tions, has dismissed the com-purge by polygraph. The mission as a "Roman circus police public relations department this week said force commanders were re-assess-

strapping security chiefs to role to play in liberating the electrodes is not only expensive, but redundant, since the day of the great lie-detector test is at hand. The long-awaited Truth Commission inquiring into atrocities and conspiracies of the apartheid era is to start its investigations at the end of this month.

The advent of the truth-telling exercise is drawing mixed feelings. It will not, as the genocide trials in Rwanda and former Yugoslavia are intended to do, satisfy the thirst for retribution among victims. Evidence to the commission (to the degree it is heard in public, which is discretionary) will not be incriminatory, even in cases where con-

HEN photo-graphs in the South African press last denumber of the press last denumber of the photo-dastardly to merit amnesty. by Ntsiki Biko, the widow of Steve Biko, the murdered Black Consciousness leader. and Churchill Mxenge, the brother of Griffiths Mxenge, a an occasion to recail the less of other of Grining Misenge, a son from John 8:32: "The solicitor also murdered by the security forces. They have solicitor also murdered by the security forces. They have formed a lobby group, the Association of Victims of Un-solved Apartheid Atrocities, threatening constitutional lit-ieration to cron it

igation to stop it. Even civil rights lawyers who have devoted their wounds of the apartheid era. John Kane-Berman, head of the Institute of Race Rela-

for the political classes". But a new spy scandal offers fresh ammunition to Yet, it might be said that Commission has a critical country from its past.

The scandal developed last week when the country's largest newspaper group, Inde-pendent Newspapers owned by the Irish Tony O'Reilly - claimed to have uncovered evidence that the National Intelligence Agency

(NIA) was spying on police The reports quoted Mr Fivaz as confirming that sev-eral of his senior commanders had complained they were under surveillance by myste-rious agents, with at least two officials having evidence that hind their telephones were being tapped. He also "confirmed" that a member of the NIA.

Before the massacre . . . Nine Inkatha members were killed during this protest outside ANC headquarters in 1994. Those responsible are not up for amnesty PHOTOGRAPH PETER DEJONG

Dirk Coetzee, had confes in the 1960s, disclosing the exto one of his officers that he had been given instructions istence of government-sanc-tioned assassination units to place the police command among the police. The discloers under surveillance. sures led to the "Third Force The allegations resulted in scandal", revealing a conspiracy to wreck the constitu-tional settlement. predictable storm. The head of the NIA issued furious denials; the deputy president Capt Coetzee, who joined Thabo Mbeki, announced a the African National Congress after his confessions and was recruited to the NIA, presidential commission to investigate the claims; and a

parliamentary oversight comhas been the target of efforts mittee demanded full reports from the intelligence chief. by his former police col-leagues to exact retribution. He has survived at least two Superficially, the scandal seemed a case of an intelli-gence agency exceeding its assassination attempts and mear tactics. mandate. But there are Is the latest spy scandal an-

other such attempt to smear Capt Coetzee? He is alleged to grounds for suspecting a more complex story lies behave made the admission of spying on the police (which he denies) while being ques-The former captain Coetzee is famous as the man who tioned about his responsiblew the "hit squad scandal"

bility for the Mxenge murder. The investigating officer who questioned him is a former security policeman acting on the orders of Major General Karel "Suiker" Britz. The general, who now heads the National Priority Crimes unit, is former com

mander of the notorious mur-ment in hit squad activities. Gen Britz has a spectacularly poor record in solving politi cal crimes. One such crime he investigated and failed to olve was an attempt to assas sinate Capt Coetzee. Or is the NLA spying on the police? Certainly, the force has become so corrupt

through involvement with tribute much to the

criminal syndicates that | resolution of the regional the NIA would be justified in treating it as a potential conflict. The ANC side also has a threat to national security.

Whatever the truth, the continued presence of the "Old Guard" in the security "Old Guard" in the security forces is an albatross around office of key government offi-cials. This is particularly true of atrocities committed the neck of South Africa's brave new society. The need for liberation from it is against dissidents within the liberation movement during widely recognized - hence the years of exile. the project of polygraph-test-The director general of the

ing police commanders. The Truth Commission has another contribution to make - not just in setting the historical record straight. The political carnage in KwaZulu appears to be a direct legacy of conspiracies hatched in the 1980s whose emosure - nothrough the apartheid years tably the role of Chief Mango-not only politically, but suthu Buthelezi — could conhave been routine.

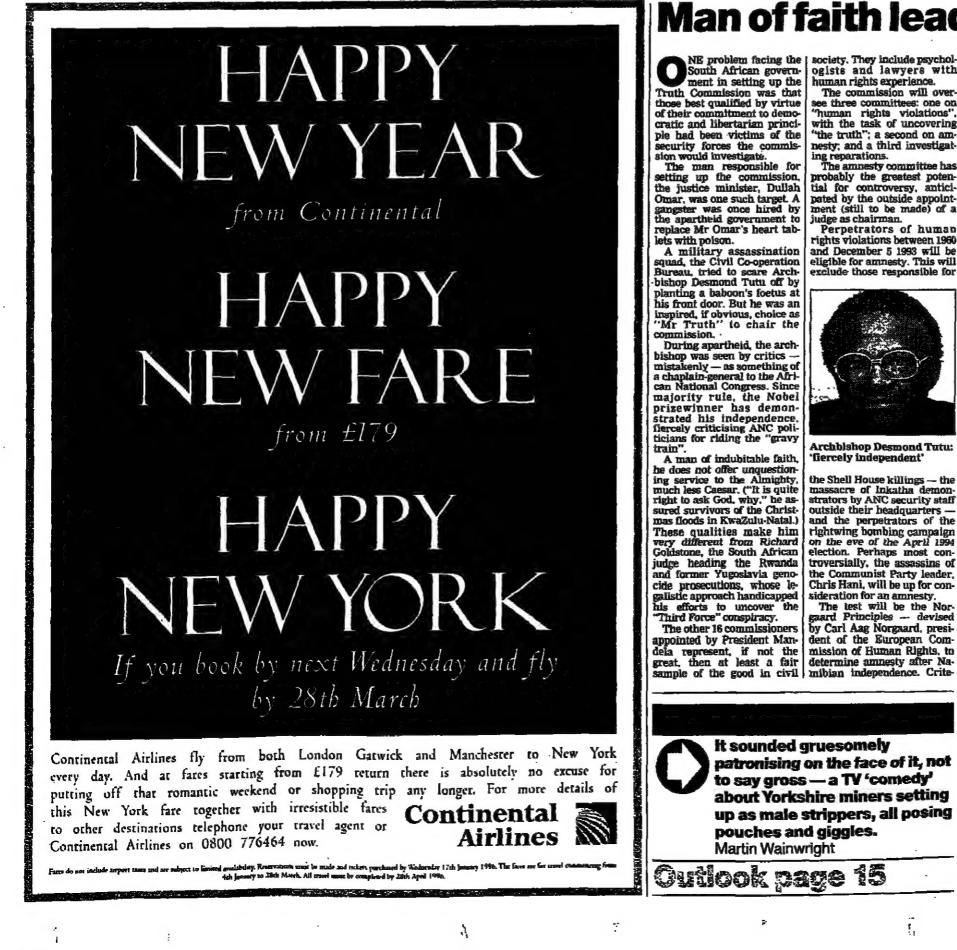
The success of the Truth Commission will obviously turn on its ability to elicit information. The last apartheid contribution to make in government carried out a cleansing the Augean stables, massive purge of official secu-rity documentation before with regard to the fitness for

handing over. F. W. de Klerk' predecessor, P. W. Botha, refuses to co-operate with him. The former police minister, Adriaan Vlok, has said he will testify. NIA, Sezakele Sigxhashe, aded a "tribunal" that had at least seven ANC members put to death after the Pongo camp revolt in Angola, in 1984, Another senior member of the spy agency, Mthunzi Mihembu, was commander of the Quattro detention camp in Angola, where torture and "disappearances" appear to

truth.

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There are indications that the key, former defence minister, Magnus Malan, panicked by evidence piling up in the murder prosecution against him and 10 former generals, may run to the commission to save himself from possible impria-onment. It all augurs well for a 20th-century demonstration of the liberatory effects of the



Man of faith leads quest to know

ment in setting up the human rights experience. Truth Commission was that those best qualified by virtue of their commitment to demo-The commission will oversee three committees: one on "human rights violations", with the task of uncovering cratic and libertarian principle had been victims of the security forces the commis-sion would investigate. "the truth"; a second on am-nesty; and a third investigat-

ing reparations. The amnesty committee has probably the greatest potential for controversy, antici-pated by the outside appoint-ment (still to be made) of a judge as chairman. Perpetrators of human

rights violations between 1960 and December 5 1993 will be eligible for annesty. This will exclude those responsible for

his front door. But he was an inspired, if obvious, choice as "Mr Truth" to chair the

bishop was seen by critics mistakenly — as something of a chaplain-general to the Afri-can National Congress. Since majority rule, the Nobel prizewinner has demonstrated his independence. fiercely criticising ANC politicians for riding the "gravy

Archbishop Desmond Tutu: 'fiercely independent' A map of indubitable lattri, he does not offer unquestion-ing service to the Almighty, much less Caesar, ("It is quite right to ask God, why." he as-sured survivors of the Christ-mas floods in KwaZulu-Natal.) the Shell House killings - the massacre of Inkatha demontrators by ANC security staff outside their headquarters and the perpetrators of the These qualities make him very different from Richard Goldstone, the South African rightwing bombing campaign on the eve of the April 1994 election. Perhaps most conjudge heading the Rwanda and former Yugoslavia geno-cide prosecutions, whose letroversially, the assassins of the Communist Party leader. Chris Hani, will be up for consideration for an amnesty. The test will be the Nor-gaard Principles - devised galistic approach handicapped his efforts to uncover the Third Force" conspiracy. by Carl Aag Norgaard, presi-dent of the European Com-The other 16 commissioners appointed by President Man-

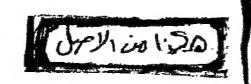
It sounded gruesomely patronising on the face of it, not to say gross - a TV 'comedy' about Yorkshire miners setting up as male strippers, all posing pouches and giggles. Martin Wainwright

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society. They include psychol-ogists and lawyers with the offender (political or per-The government is sinking substantial resources into the commission, at a time of ex-treme financial stringency in sonal), the target (civilian or government) and the gravity of the act. The Norgaard apthe public purse. It will con-duct regional hearings, have a staff of at least 150, and run proach is tolerant of "due obelience", contrary to Nuremberg, where orders were for two years at an anticimed no excuse. pated cost of £20 million.







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Rifkind steers path through new China

The Foreign Secretary has ended his first cal system three years ago. trip to Beijing, where rapid modernisation is coupled with an ideology of 'nationalism and order', Andrew Higgins reports

tating are the changes in Beijing that even the street-wise chauf-feurs of China's foreign affairs ministry lose their way. A three-day visit to China

this week by the Foreign Sec-retary, Malcolm Rifkind, ended with a cavalcade of limousines retreating - gears grinding and engines in reverse — through the back streets of the Chinese capital. The motorcade had gone to

the wrong address. Instead of taking Mr Rifkind, the British ambassador and assorted For-eigo Office mandarins to the Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office to discuss the final 18 months of British colonial rule, the cars pulled up out-side a bureau responsible for Taiwan.

It is not just China's drivers who are confused. Every-where in Beijing, evidence abounds of an extraordinary metamorphosis: glass and marble plazas sprouting along the Avenue of Eternal Peace; the world's biggest Mc-Donalds just down from Tiananmen Square; a floodlit golf driving range in what used to be a cabbage patch; and a new six-lane airport highway replacing a narrow strip of tarmac clogged with donkey carts.

Also brand new are the premises of the supreme court. And it was here, entirely untouched by any wind of change, that judges last month took 10 minutes to reject the appeal of an unemployed electrician called Wei Jingsheng against a 14-year sentence for subversion. Mr Rifkind, making his first trip to China, struggled to keep his bearings. On the way from the airport, a modest Mercedes provided by Chi-nese authorities blew a tyre, a mishap that got the Foreign Secretary upgraded to a stretched Cadillac limo with mini-bar and television. At a candle-lit banquet hosted by the British Cham-ber of Commerce, Mr Rifkind gushed about the marketing

O DIZZY and disorien-tating are the changes, in Beijing that even the street-wise chauf-the street-wise chaufneglect and abuse. It is this coexistence of

rapid reform and harsh reac-tion that makes the future of Hong Kong — the heart of Sino-British relations — so uncertain. While assuring Mr Rifkind that it would grant Hong Kong a "high degree of auton-

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Foreign Secretary upgraded to a stretch Cadillac limo with

Just before his meeting with President Jiang on Thursday, Mr Rifkind made an unscheduled stop in Tiananmen Square, scene of the 1969 student movement and now home to a giant digital clock counting down the seconds (more than 46 mil-llon) before China takes back Hong Kong, Noticeboards dot-ted across the gigantic ex-panse of paving stones warn visitors in English and Chi-nese to remain "solemn, silent mud clear" silent and clean".

If China has any ideology these days it is this: nationalism and order. As a reminder of what disorder can mean, state-run television this week featured daily reports on the

Nostage seizure in southern Russia by Chechen rebels. While Mr Rifkind made sure there were no television cameras in Tiananmen Square to record him watch-ing the seconds tick away on Britain's last important col-ony, he made scant effort to disguise Britain's waning influence. Unlike previous min-isters visiting Hong Kong and China, he made clear that the only real guarantee for the colony's future is China's selfinterest.

"We cannot impose solu-tions upon them. I cannot sug-gest to you, nor would I wish to, that we have a physical power which is not available to us," he told Hong Kong legislators before travelling to Beijing. This, he said, was the "simple, unvarnished truth". Despite China's refusal to budge on the legislative council or Mr Patten, the visit was, Mr Rifkind insisted, "very positive". It clarified the right of foreigners to stay in Hong Kong after 1997, produced agreement on air services and opened the way for the colony ement on air services and to build a massive contain terminal half the size of Rotterdam. Britain and China also

issue new passports after the colony returns to Chinese sovereignty. But detailed discussion is

change of views between the

them change the wording of the labels on their cheaper bottles from "bulk process" to ALL STREET, the gun lobby and the Californian wine insecondary fermentation be-

fore bottling". The Gallo family gratitude to Mr Dole was reinforced in dustry provide the biggest fi-nancial backers of the main 1986 when he steered through candidates in the 1996 presia tax amendment which saved the family an estimated \$100 million in inheritance taxes. But just as political insurance, the family has also given \$50,000 to the Clinton

election campaign. The figures come

backers. You are getting their patrons when you elect them," said Charles Lewis, director of the centre and author of the book. "To be perfectly blunt, it gives the

impression that legislation is being bought and sold." More than \$100 million has aiready been raised for this year's presidential race by the various candidates, led by President Clinton, whose \$26 million is the largest amount ever raised by an in-

Tobacco and Firearms to let | tween politicians and their | sheriff and school board up to the White House - are now a national industry with a turnover of \$3 billion in every two-year election cycle. The donation gap between the Big Three — Clinton, Dole and Gramm — and the Repub-

WORLD NEWS 5 Clinton

can still meet the bill

Martin Walker in Washington

Bill and Hillary Clinton are not officially bankrupt, nor are they ever likely to be, what ever the scale of the legal bills they face as they fight the Whitewater scandal and despite the president's public complaint of finan-cial pressure this week.

Although the president's Legal Expense Trust has raised only \$865,000 so far, against legal fees estimated at \$2 million (£1.25 million) a year, the Clintons' per-concil Lowron Durid Scadell sonal lawyer David Kendall says the full bill will not be presented until the case is

In the past, all private presidential legal bills have been negotiated down to the precise figure raised by

the legal defence fund. The president's official income is modest by American standards — \$200,000 a year. But opportunities lie ahead. Publishing circles, on the basis of the \$6 mil-lion paid for General Colin Bornelity, memoirs makers Powell's memoirs, reckon that the Clintons can each expect up to \$5 million in book contracts. And once they leave the White House they will be free of the legal restrictions which prevent their defence fund soliciting trade unions, corpora-tions, party funds and the like.

Moreover the Clintons have their private nest egg, growing apace. Their savings were reported in 1992 to total \$862,000 in mutual funds, stocks and shares, retirement accounts and federal and state government savings bonds.

When they entered the White House those savings were put into a blind trust and they could now be worth close to \$1.5 million.

Against this they owed \$64,800 on the mortgage on the apartment left to them when Hillary Clinton's father died. Just before that bequest

lican also-rans is wide. The highest donation to the former Tennessee governor Lamar Alexander was \$83,000 from a noting that the Clintons owned no home at all, a home town property company. local Arkansas resident The largest donation to the rightwing firebrand Pat Bu-chanan was \$10,000 from a Ne-braska theme park family, gave them a run-down two-bedroom house opposite Clinton's boyhood home in Little Rock and Senator Richard Lugar's at \$12,242, it has a leaking most generous backers were the Eli Lilley pharmaceutical roof and local estate agents the Eli Lilley pharmaceutical tactfully call it a "handy-company, based in his home state Indiana.

Pondering the dollar question . . . Despite his complaints, Bill Clinton has record campaign funds and useful private assets Lobbies fill contenders' cups

signed an agreement stipulat-ing that only the Hong Kong government will be allowed to

still needed on some of these issues. Speaking of foreign residents' future rights, Mr Chen said: "This was an ez-

Martin Walker in Washington

dential race. Bill Clinton, the Democrat incumbent, has received more than \$107,000 from the Goldman Sachs finance house alone.

opportunities offered by Chimini-bar and na's double-digit growth: "When you are dealing with a television. country of 1.2 billion you

don't need me to tail you the potential purchasing power of this nation." Britain has in-vested more than \$4 billion in omy" after 1997, China also stressed its determination to disband the territory's elected Legislative Council. "This case is closed," said the for-China - far more than any other European country. But he also promised to exert "clear, courteous and firm pressure" on human rights issues. In meetings with the prime minister, Li Peng, and President Jiang Zemin he asked after Mr Wei, the jailed

eign ministry spokesman. Chen Jian. The Chinese position will not change." Nor did Beijing show any inclination to change its view of Governor Chris Patten, whom it has treated as an out-

agreement, ne indicated. Unburdened by diplomatic protocol, Mr Patten put things more bluntly in Hong Kong: "The question is this. Is China committed to real de-mocratisation or is it commit-ted to a cost of costributed out. ted to a sort of cardboard cut-out version? Is it committed

to a counterfeit version?" champion of political reform of Governor Chris Patten, China itself may not ye as China's essential "fifth whom it has treated as an out modernisation". He also cast since he set about voiced concern about condi-China itself may not yet

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concrete negotiation." On the development of the port, Mr Chen referred to Beijing's "positive" attitude, adding: "We will try our best to promote this process." But the main contenders for the Republican nomination, has received \$381,000 from the Gallo wine-making family of California, who paid another \$790,000 to his private charity, there was not yet a formal agreement, he indicated. the Dole Foundation.

Senator Phil Gramm, an other Republican hopeful, has received \$440,000 from the National Rifle Association, the main arm of the gun lobby, and another \$140,000 from the American Medical Association, in gratitude for his role in defeating the Clin-ton health reform plan.

The relationship between Senator Dole and the Gallo family began when he lobbied the Bureau of Alcohol,

Families fear delay in demands for ransom

John Aglionby in Jakarta

SOME of the most impene-trable jungle in the world means it may be some time before any ransom demand is received for the 24 wildlife researchers, including four Britons, kidnapped on Monday in Irian Jaya, the Indone-sian half of the island of New Guines.

The Free Papua Movement (OPM), which campaigns for Irian Jaya's independence, yesterday admitted it was responsible.

Several hundred troops are believed to be hunting for the kidnappers, thought to num-ber between 30 and 60 and to be only lightly armed. Endy Bayuni, an Indone-sian journalist with wide knowledge of the area, said: "If the projudenendenen

"If the pro-independence rebels want to reach Papua New Guinea [the country which occupies the other half of the island] before making any demands, we may be in for a long wait. It is several hundred kilometres to the Papuan border from where the victims were seized."

The dense jungle, moun-tains and poor roads mean the rebels could take many days to reach the border. The Indonesian army says its priority is to stop them crossing

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Weight approx 290g on an expedition organised by the university. They have been named as Bill Oates, aged 22, and Daniel Start. Anna McIvor and Annette

van der Kolk, all 21. The British Petroleum Conservation Programme, British Airways, Guinness and the Winston Churchill Memorial Trust are among the expedition's sponsors.

new survey by the Centre for Public Integrity, published in book form yesterday as The Buying of the President. "It's a package deal be-

in the campaigning season. Campaigns & Elections, the house journal of political con-sultants, reckons that elections at all levels - from local

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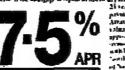
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It was the Mirror wot done it

Files reveal innocent man was jailed for stealing Goya painting from the National Gallery in 1961

Peter Lennon and Edward Pilkington

for £140,000 by an American | would mean establishing the oil magnate who threatened principle "that any adventur-to take it out of the country. ous person had only to Alter aass appeal the ture rom ot

The Goya portrait of the Duke of Wellington, stolen from the National Gallery weeks after it was bought for the nation

with stealing the painting as the law then said a person could only be convicted of theft if the stolen object was never recovered. The loop-the trans, and neither can hole was closed in the 1968 Theft Act which made staal-ing art works on exhibition whether or not they were retrieved --- an offence. To get around the loophole Mr Bunton was accused of

stealing the Goya's frame, which had been removed and has never been found. He was jailed for three months.

Documents which have been kept secret in the National Gallery archives for 30 years under government estrictio

time of his imprisonment.

after Mr Bunton

concession was made after another man confessed to the crime. However, no move wa have been true."

made to clear the name of Mr Bunton, who has since died. In a peculiar twist, the police admitted in 1969 that they believed Mr Bunton had not stolen the painting. The And there was no admission from the police that they had harboured qualms about his

guilt all along

The Guardian Saturday January 13 1996

Siemens to pull out of road tolling

EMENS, the German electrical engineering group, has pulled out of British electronic road tolling trials because it believes the Government has lost the political will to intro-

Nicholas Bannister and Keith Harper

duce a system. Officially the company says it is being expected to spend too much on a project which has no guarantee of orders. Privately executives say the Government's enthusiasm for electronic tolling is waning as it realises the social and polit-ical consequences. "It is too late to introduce it in the UK." said a Siemens

UK said a Siemens executive.

He also said that the police did not want to deal with people who failed to pay. "I people who failed to pay. I has been think there are other ways of achieving the Government's objectives," he added. "In Switzerland you pay an annual fee if you want to use the base of the state of the Action of the state of the awarded a 30-year concession for the state of the Action of the state of the awarded a state of the action of the state of the amount of the state of the action of the state of the amount of the state of the action of the state of the amount of the state of the action of the state of the action of the state of the amount of the state of the action of the state of the state of the action of the action of the state of the action of the a

the motorways." Year-long trials by eight consortia, due to start at the Transport Research Labora-tory and later on the M3 at the end of 1995, had been put back to summer because the original date clashed with similar trials in Korea which would tie up many of those involved, a Ministry of Transport spokeswoman said yesterday.

She added that the consortium producing the preferred system would not necessarily get the contracts. "We will prepare a specification and put it up for tender," she said. The DoT is committed to spending up to £9 million to provide the infrastructure for the M3 trials, but the trialists | The consortium will employ have to fund the rest.

Stemens, one of Germany's largest companies, has con-siderable experience in traffic at Haltwhistle. control systems and has which must identify cars and calculate bills within frac-tions of a second. Equally important is a robust system for spotting and tracking down drivers who avoid paying. The decision by Siemen

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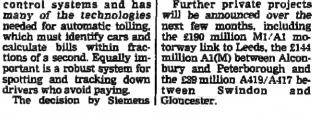
came as Sir George Young. the Transport Secretary, an-nounced that Britain's first privately operated road — be-tween Newcastle upon Tyne and Carlisle — is to be run by a British-Italian consortium called Roadlink. It has been

The consortium's will be from "shadow" road tolls - money paid by the Government depending on the traffic on the road. Sir George refused to reveal

the cost to the Government because, he said, the information was commercially sensitive. Traffic flows along the road at between 8.000 and 38,000 vehicles a day, and is predicted to increase to between 10,000 and 57,000 a day in 2007. Up to 15 per cent of vehicles using the road are HGV's whose toll will be

much more than a car. Road Link includes Impre gilo SPA, Italy's largest con struction company, and ASTM, a road operating firm. contractors for maintenance and has instructed work to

Further private projects will be announced over the the £190 million M1/A1 motorway link to Leeds, the £144 million A1(M) between Alconbury and Peterborough and the £39 million A419/A417 be-



OCUMENTS released this month by the National Gallery under the 30 years rule have con-firmed that a man was wrongly jailed in 1961 for the theft of a Goya painting, even though the authorities suspected he was innocent.

The portrait of the Duke of Wellington was stolen from the gallery in August 1961, only weeks after it was purchased for the nation with the help of a government grant. The painting disappeared for four years and was recovered following a long correspon-dence between the thief and newspapers.

The story, which enthralled the public, began in June 1961 when the Goya was bought trustees to refuse since this

National Gallery purchased it walls to be able successfully to demand that money be given to a charity of his from him for the same amount, with money donated by a charity and the Macmilnomination". The picture was recovered lan government. On August 22, 1961, less on May 22, 1965, in Birmingham New Street station after a ticket for left luggage was sent to the Daily Mirror. Its than three weeks after it went on display, a thief climbed through an open lavatory window of the gallery and stole the painting. For four sister paper, the Sunday Mir-ror, reported the discovery years, a series of anonymous ransom demands were made, calling for £50.000 to be paid

under the front page head-line: "My Goya! The Mirror found it." to CND and other cause Two months later Kempton Letters were sent to the Daily Mirror promising to Bunton, sged 61, an unem-ployed lorry driver, from Newcastle, gave himself up to police claiming to have taken return the portrait if it were exhibited for a month to raise money for charity. But the the Goya as a protest against charging pensioners for telethen chairman of the gallery, Lord Robbins, advised the vision licences.

probably did not organise and certainly did not himself steal He could not be charge

Ulster's land of myth

a new airbrushed

view of IRA

Bandit Country

T IS not a map that a British Army squaddie spend-ing his third wet night in a ditch in "Bandit Country" would recognise, but judging from the beautiful hand drawn chart inside a new tourist brochure, South Armagh is shaking off its IRAheartland image.

This southernmost corner of Northern Ireland developed a fearsome reputation among security forces before the ceasefire. Tony Clarke, a former paratrooper, wrote ally of the dangers graphic posed by South Armagh in his book Contact:

Forget home and comfort think nasty. Think bombs and bullets. Think death. But those days are gone, never to return if the colour

brochure is to be believed. In lyrical language, dreamy pho-

David Sharrock on a new airbrushed tography and folksy sketch thorn is the most difficult way and people steeped in Celtic in this part of the world it is mythology, where the ugli-ness of the last 25 years has been airbrushed away. South Armagh is "a hidden corner, where a traditional way of life flourishes almost in defiance of the passing of

time. "It is a land of horse fairs and ceildhes; where ancient landscapes cradle the rem-nants of our past and people large main square. "If you want to sample the still proudly value their relaxed lifestyle and are always willing to share it with

others." We reckon that the chances by mistak of getting hit on the first day are pretty small, because the opposition don't know how we are going to operate and, being far more professional than the cowboys in Belfast, they will not do anything until

they are sure of a kill. "With the sun on your face and the wind at your back, this is a wonderful landscape

for walkers and cyclists, who can appreciate its beauty at a leisurely pace." Fighting through the blackArmy considers code on sexual harassment if gay ban is lifted

the safest way to travel. By making our own holes we lessen the risk of running into continued from page 1 ument marshals arguments for the ban, but says if it were a booby trap... The place is a minefield, covered with homeoverturned it could require made landmines, just waiting costly compensation and rein for the opportunity to be deta tatement of personnel.

The advantage of a sexual harassment policy for homonated under a patrol. "Crossmaglen, an ideal stopping place for a bite to eat with four restaurants in its sexuals and heterosexuals would be that it would not be challenged in the courts; "dis-ciplinary action could be

flavour of old Ireland be in taken where homosexual conduct caused offence": and the town for fair day - but be 'homosexual conduct could careful you don't buy a horse be banned on duty and on mil itary property" if the same rule applied to heterosexuals. The law does not apply here. Court summonses are ignored. taxes and bills unpaid, but The disadvantages are that it would not "prevent active homosexuals from serving", they draw the dole even though a lot go off to the South to work. Then there is the army could lead to further demands base, sitting near the centre of for "homosexual rights such as married quarters", and could be a cause for indiscitown just asking for trouble. I'd love to meet the lunatic who

decided to set up a base here. pline. "So beware - if you visit "The moment for experimentation with homosextual military rights is not yet with us — and probably never will be," the report concludes. South Armagh it is easy to become entranced by its lifestyle and find yourself coming back again and again ...

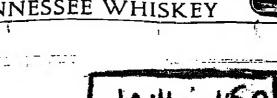
To umpire alongside Dickie Bird was to exist in his world of permanent crisis, but at his height many regarded it as a privilege. The former Indian Test umpire, Swarup Krishan, once told Bird: "I have often prayed about umpiring with you."

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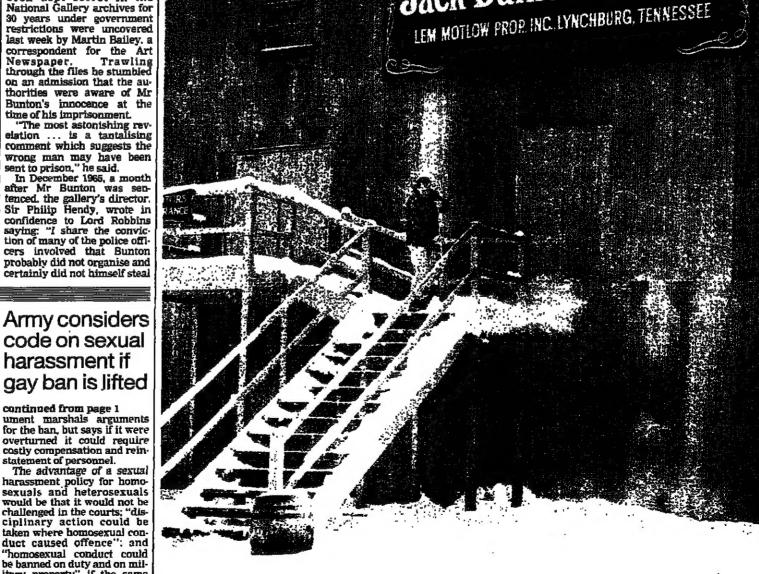
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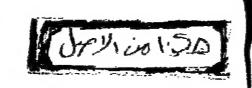
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decision-making process." Most of the book is devoted to unravelling jargon, ex-plaining what European insti-tution is responsible for which tasks, who to circulate

with reports, and how to get

the UK's position across and win the arguments.

Advice is given on negotia-tions, which should be played

as in a game of cards. "Keep a

poker face. Negotiations have a natural, unspoken balance, and the search for compro-

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cured by another delegation helps the UK, don't show this

in a meeting by smiling or thanking that delegation; bet-

ter to pocket the advantage without comment of any sor

and continue to pursue other

UK points. Others will as sume the UK still needs to be

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And in general: "Never deal

from the bottom of the pack. "Negotiations provide op-

portunities for double-dealing and other tricks, but beware

If you deliberately mislead

another delegation or renege on a deal, they would take it personally and would do all in their power to take revenge on you and the UK as a whole."

At a time when Europhobia

Mr Humphreys' boss, the En-vironment Secretary, John

Gummer, makes his own en-thusiasm for the EU clear in

us. Perhaps this idea sums up how we should best approach

the European Union: not as an alien body, but as part of

our own administrative

"Europe is not them; it is

prevalent in the Cabinet,

winners and losers.

the deal."

In their own words: Newbury bypass campaigners explain why they are taking action HOW to get a

BILL McMahon, aged 54, and Mary O'Brien, 56, common-law husband and wife, who run a snackbar in Hove, East Sussex. "We had never gone on a protest at all until last year, then we saw what was happening in front of our noses at Shoreham, where they were exporting live animals. This was awful. We went on lots of demonstrations and were arrested twice there. "In the last formight, we have been watching all about Newbury on the television. Our business is not going so well and we now have some free time so we thought we would come up with our dogs to see what was going on. We were very shocked by the pictures of the trees being cut down. We see animals and the earth as one and the same

Both have rights and need protecting. Otherwise what will be left? "When we got here we didn't realise how bad this really is. It is so horrific to

DANNY Broadley, aged 35, from Somerset, has been living in a treehouse on the bypass route since construction work began. His father used to be head lecturer at a college of further education.

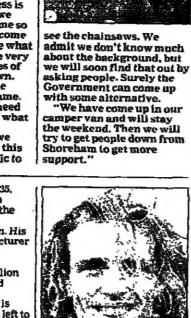
"I don't think £101 million should be spent on a road which they say will ease pollution. Once the road is built, there'll be no trees left to take the pollution away.

"We have got to a point in 1996 when human beings want to survive. Everyone's aim in life, I think, is to survive, but we are cuiting down the things that will keep us alive. Why should our children wake up one day and have bad air quality just because some hastard in the Department of Transport wants some money in his pocket? "I studied graphic design for four years and I then gave

it all up to travel around the world doing stuff like this. You quickly learn to become resourceful and live within

JILL Eisele, aged 44, from Newbury, is a teacher, married with two children. "I'm livid about it. The road won't work. We now have recognition among all spheres of politicians that building new roads does not solve problems.

"Also, there has never been a proper transport debate — we only had one inquiry, in 1988. That's before Twyford Down happened, before the M25. At that time we were not allowed to talk about whether we could have a freight or rail link.



your means. There's a great

spirit here. People help each other out.

"I've been doing environmental stuff for about two to three years for Greenpeace. The chain of information for environmental activists is now so good in this country that you can virtually find out anything you want.'



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A protester is dragged away as contractors try to get to work on the fourth day of the protest PHOTOGRAPH: MARTYN HAYHO

Arrests as police step up response at bypass site

in Brussels legislation unless we examine critically our own part in the

winning hand

Paul Brown, Environment Correspondent

WO bruising decades of fighting Britain's corner in the European Union have prompted Whitehall to issue Brussels bound civil servants with a detailed guide to survival -Sir Humphrey's tins for con ing on the Continent, so to speak.

The guide - written, as it happens, by a British Euro-crat called James Humphreys - warns of "thieves and brig ands who lurk in the dark of the forest". It advises negotiators to keep a poker face and never to deal from the bottom of the pack — "they would take it personally".

Published by the Depart-ment of the Environment for circulation in Whitehall only, the 250 page guide also con-tains some adult advice on the strength of Belgian beers, the occupational bazards of unch, and what to do if stuck in Brussels over the weekend. Mr Humphreys has just been appointed to the private office of the Environment Minister, James Clappison, Previously he was an environment attaché in Brussels, where he apparently discovered just how many votes there are in Finland, what is the function of jurist-lip-guists, and which restaurants ell the best moules frites.

Despite some of the weird and often difficult experies recounted in the guide Mr Humphreys comments: "As civil servants who are also negotiators on behalf of UK interest, we have to use the [European Union] system to our best advantage; this means we must also accept a measure of responsibility for the outcome.

machinery... "We cannot heap blame on "The union is a sh Brussels' for poorly drafted deavour. It has to be. "The union is a shared en-

the foreword.

How to be Eurocrat wheeler-dealer

Negotiating: "You may be able to use brilliant oratory and negotiating skills to win over converts or reduce oppo-sition. But if this is not enough, you will come down to boost tradius." where they can bring wives or partners): "Despite agreeable to horse trading ... " Lunch: "Ministers eat sepa-rately from officials, and this gives the potential for traps and ambushes. No item can real work is done." locations and the impression given by certain photographs circulating in the department,

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Since then, there ha been no environmental assessment of the roads impact. The National Rivers Authority don't even want this route. It is an exceptionally beautiful part of the countryside. "The fight is now also about democracy. It is about

whether we have a right to protest. This is about the suffragettes and the Magna SARAH North, aged 26, is studying for an MSc in conservation at University College, London. "T've been following Newbury in the

national press and felt emotive enough to get involved. It's the first time I have been moved enough to go to a protest. "I think the road is

unnecessary. Alternatives to the traffic problems here have not been considered properly. I think the public in Newbury would be sympathetic to alternative schemes. They are being presented with the false choice: bypass or nothing. "This road will only take 10

per cent of traffic from the streets of Newbury. It is not going to solve the traffic problems. It is a short-term

thing. "People say the local people are for the road, but we have had tremendous support from them. I arrived two days ago with friends from my course



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becoming partisan.

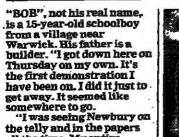
"I have always been a Tory voter but I would not

vote for them any more."

and we are staying on local people's land. "I think me and my friends will be coming up for a few days every week for the foreseeable future. I also think we will try and do a UCL

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survey to find out what local people's attitudes are to alternatives to the bypass."



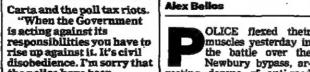
all the time. My entire school thinks they are destroying it. "It's amazing here. It's so friendly. At home, people like me get the shit kicked

out of them just for what you look like. My mum will probably go back." Interviews: Alex Bellos probably send somebody after me and then I will

In Tuesday's new-look **Guardian Education**

Merger mania: exploring the mega university of the future; the great debate on school selection; free holidays for teachers and the latest in IT.

Schools resources: the Italian political crisis, France after the riots and the alcoholic lemonade row. Inside Out the flywheel tram:



muscles yesterday in the battle over the Newbury bypass, arresting dozens of anti-road protesters under the Criminal Justice Act and sparking a fight over civil rights as well as the environment. The protesters were outwit-

ted during the morning by fast-moving "hit-and-run chainsaw crews" which reached two unoccupied reached two unoccupied areas on the nine-mile bypass route and started felling trees. When protesters reached the sites, they were warned by senior police offi-cers that they may be commitwere totally peaceful. It was the police who ting aggravated trespass. The contractors were pregot stuck in'

vented from felling more trees at one site by people climbing them. But at the other site, a mile away, they cleared about 100 metres of trees along an old railway line. There were scuttles at both places. Thames Valley police said

there were 16 arrests at the first site and 18 at the second. Last night nine people had been taken to Basingstoke police station and 25 were in totally peaceful It was the police who got stuck in." the arrests were for alleged The police denied that their aggravated trespass .-- the strategy had changed, despite

the large number of arrests, and insisted they were still offence of trespass - introduced last year in the Crimibipartisan. nal Justice Act Mr Lock said he was Pressure had been mountpleased with the day's events

criminal version of the civil

The protesters

of the Earth, said: "The police

don't want to take sides but they are being politically leaned on. John Watts, the roads minister, was on the

ing on police to change their tactics after protesters stopped the first three days of The police have to uphold the law, and if someone is breaking it they have to act." construction work on the £100 million bypass. Keith Lock, Liberal Democrat leader of Newbury council, had called The protests at both sites were the largest and most confrontational yet, with the project a shambles.

about 100 demonstrators and a similar number of police and security guards. At least two people ware injured. Simon Festing, of Friends Before the chainsaw crews had gone home the protesters were in the trees building walkways between them. making it even more difficult for the contractors when they

return. The offence of aggravated trespass was introduced by the Government primarily to deal with hunt saboteurs, but it has been used to a limited extent in other recent road protests. A cornerstone of the act, it has been consistently attacked by civil rights groups as undemocratic. John Wadham, director of

radio this morning saying the Liberty, said: "Peaceful pro-test is a fundamental right which is seriously under-mined by the Criminal Jusprotesters were a bunch of an-archists and that the police should intervene more. That is what they appear to have tice Act.

done. "The protesters were The use by the police of these powers shows how frag-ile those rights are without a The police denied that their Bill of Rights to protect them.

Appeal 'knocks hole in law to outlaw protest'

that each of the two appel-

lants was trespassing. There

is no evidence to that effect."

Owen Bowcott

DE-RANGING police powers, introduced by the Criminal Justice Act to outlaw selected public protests, may prove to be unenforceable following an appeal over rights of way near Stonehen The Crown Prosecution Service is expected to pursue

the case against Margaret Jones and Richard Lloyd in order to uphold the offence of "trespassory assembly". The powers were drafted by exclusion order.

the Home Secretary, Michael Howard, to bolster the police in confrontations with hunt saboteurs, new age travellers and demonstrators. Dr Jones, aged 46, a lecturer at the University of the West of England, and Mr Lloyd,

aged 25, a student, were arrested on a footpath outside Stonehenge on June 1 last year while a police-enforced four-mile exclusion order was in operation. They were the first people to be convicted under section

70 of the act, which deems 20 | there is that evidence," he

spassory assembly. But this month their conviction was overturned on ap-peal at Salisbury crown court. Kier Starmer, counsel for the two, basing his arguments on a 19th century row over grouse moors, argued that

The Home Office insisted the police had numerous since they were standing on a footpath they could not be deemed to be trespassing even under the terms of the "A peaceful, non-obstruct tive gathering on a highway does not exceeed reasonable and usual use of the highway," he claimed. "The quesa higher court." Dr Jones said her victory tion of numbers present only arises if it can be established

rendered part of the act inop erable. "We are delighted. It knocks a substantial hole in one section of the act.

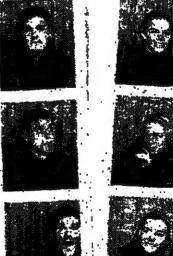
Judge MacLaren Webster. "It makes it virtually im-possible for the police to use sitting with two magistrates, said the court had to be sure public rights of access had section 70. They will have to been exceeded in order to esfall back on charging people tablish a trespassory assem-bly. "We do not find that of the peace." with obstruction or breaches



or more people gathering on a public highway in an exclu-sion zone to be guilty of trenumerous arrests under the act, but barely a handful of successful prosecutions. John Wadham, the legal director,

said: "The [act] has been shown to be ill-considered, poorly drafted and unworkable."

other powers to deal with protesters. But the Crown Prosecution Service is waiting to examine transcripts of the hearing. A spokesman said: "If we think it would be helpful to get the law clarified, then we will have to appeal to





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Racing

Street can be in front at right time

Ron Cox thinks fast Ascot pace will prove deciding factor for Sherwood's gelding

INDING the winner of | and re-opposes on 8lb better today's Victor Chan-dler Handicap Chase at Ascot will not be and may not improve on that easy, but one thing is certain. The pace will be hot. Martin's Lamp, Gales Cavalier and Kibreet all like to go off in front. that the front-runners will and there is always Egypt Mill Prince in the unlikely event of any hanging about.

If ever there was a race set up for a late winning surge from off the pace, this crack-ing two-miler is it and from what we have seen of him so far this season. Front Street

fits the bill perfectly. Simon Sherwood's nine-year-old is working his way up the ratings, but may still be ahead of the handicapper judging by the manner in which he quickened up to beat Martin's Lamp by four lengths at Ascot last month. That was his fourth win in

a row, and jockey Jamie Os-borne was just as confident on Front Street as at Newbury a month earlier when the partnership cruised home by three lengths from Gales Cavalier.

On the revised terms both Martin's Lamp and Gales Cavalier are entitled to take their revenge - the former

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when attempting to negotiate the minefield that is The Ladbroke. This competitive handicap hurdle lures fancied British raiders every year, but none and may not improve on that has managed to emulate form as much as one might expect. More importantly, Barnbrook Again, who won in 1987 when Ladbrokes took there must be the possibility over the sponsorship.

The fancied Irish runners burn each other up in the have fared none too well in recent years either, with the battle for supremacy. Kibreet made all when suc-Kibreet made all when suc-cessful in good style at Chep-stow on his reappearance and collared Gales Cavalier two out when following up at As-cot. This race has long been his target, but he may prove to be a better horse giving weight away to inferior rivals. Egypt Mill Prince a parrow last four winners starting at' 20-1, 20-1, 10-1 and 25-1. So, steering clear of the visitors and the better fancied home contingent, I suggest an each-way interest in Arctic Weather (2.20), who was runner-up to Atone in the 1994 Ladbroke, when he had

Egypt Mill Prince, a narrow winner from Big Matt and Storm Alert here in October, fourth. looks sure to run well again provided ground conditions do not deteriorate, and a back-to-form Dancing Paddy back-to-form Dancing raday would look seriously good value around the 16-1 mark. He was a useful novice last season, finishing a length ahead of Martin's Lamp at acts well in the mud.

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The day's best bet is at Newcastle, where Dally Boy (1.10) should credit the vet-eran trainer Peter Easterby with his 1,000 winner over level weights when second to jumps. Morceli at Aintree. In such a fiercely competi-tive handicap Front Street (2.10) cannot be a confident selection, but his turn of foot

A progressive young hur-dler, Dally Boy had yester-day's Edinburgh winner Marchant Ming back in fourth spot when making Domappel was eased a length or two may prove the deciding pull out all the stops at when Front Street went by factor.



Rematch ... Martin's Lamp, about to be overhauled by Front Street at Ascot, takes on the winner again in today's Victor Chandler Chas PH- MARTIN LYNCH

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The Guardian Saturday January 13 1996

Strong stakes Arkle claim

AVID NICHOLSON. Dthe champion jumps trainer, and his stable jockey, Adrian Magnire, landed a double at Ascot yesterday with Certainly Strong and Percy Smollett. Certainly Strong, owned by Nick Skelton, the top show jump rider, took the novices chase by 11 lengths and will now be aimed for the Arkle at the Cheltenham Festival.

"She's a lovely mare who is a lot stronger now," said Nicholson. "She settles in front — she never did in behind — and I'm delighted with her."

Magnire produced Percy Smollett with a fine run in the home straight to beat Unguided Missile by eight

Unguided Missile by eight lengths in the Hairy Mary Handicap. "We've been waiting for the ground for him," added Nicholson. "He needs cut and three miles and must on right-handed."

go right-handed." Peter Easterby, the Malton trainer who retires at the end of the month, remains one short of his 1,000th win over jumps after Chopwell Curtains was beaten a neck in the Silver Doctor Novice Hurdle.

Despite a late rally, the northern raider was beaten by Storm North, who is set to race in the United States later this year.

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	3 F4124-6 KENTISH PIPER (50) (CD) N Gaesine 11-12-0	
	4 P/11/PP- LAKE MESSION (266) (2) Mrs J Pitman 11-11-9	
2)	5 30240F ANORELOT (9) (CD) P Bowen 8-11-7	
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1.35 STEEL PLATE AND SECTIONS HANDICAP CHASE 2m of 110yes 05,225
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202 2173-11 ZASY BUCK (7) (CD) N Twiston-Devien 8-11-4
203 41/P60P- RICHVELE (259) (2) K Barley 10-10-15 Clevelyn
204 1/131Pi- UNCLE ELI (637) R Alter 13-10-5
205 , 2215-24 THE FROG PERICE (7) (BF) N Gaseles 5-10-5
205 112-333 SEVEN OF DIAMONDS (49) (CD) R Alner 11-10-5 A Magaine
122112- SPUFFINIGTON (287) (D) J Gillard 8-10-2
206 F65-523 REPEAT THE DOSE (6) (CD) T Casey 11-10-0
TOP PORM TIPS: Seven Of Disacteds 8, Easy Book 7, The Freq Prince 6
Bettings 5-2 Easy Buck, 7-2 The Frog Prince, 9-2 Seven Of Disconds, 5-1 Sputtington, 5-1 Report T

Dose, 9-1 Wonder Man, 12-1 Uncle Ek. FORM QUIDE - WOWDEN MAN Output (Ane veg 4 out, soon tailed off, she

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amen's Bang (Haydoch am, Sit). SEVER OF DIALNORDS: Win leader to 9th, headed 4 out, stayed on same puce from 2 oct when 3rd, bin 69 bid Front State (Newtony 2 mit, Hry). SPLIFFINITIONS Led until headed 3 out, banen bin 15 by Bo Knows Best (Ascal 2m20, Fm). REFEAT THE DOSE Promotent until one pace from 2 out, 3rd of 11 Subhers, bin 29 to Senteria Townspire 2.2012, Site.

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2.10 VICTOR CHANDLER HANDICAP CHASE 2- 123,975

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- 211 1531-23 Bits MATT (63) (CD) N Henderson 6-10-4 ______ M & Respendit TOP FORM TIPE: Denotogy Peddy C, Mertianis Lamp 7, Syget 200 Prince 6 Dettings 3-1 Martin's Lamp, 7-2 Front Street, 11-2 Körzet, 7-1 Egyst Mill Prince, 5-1 Big Matt, Gales Civalier, 10-1 Starn Aver, 14-1 Dancing Peddy, High Baron FORM GUEDS MARTIN Blundered and almost unseated rider 3rd, tailed of when 5th, bis a distance bits Sound Man, with STORM ALERT (rit) ton 5 in 2nd, chiesed leaders, ostpored app 3 dut, milled run-til Stromm ALERT (runseed and almost unseated rider, ostpored app 3 dut, milled run-til Stromm ALERT (runseed and almost unseated rider, and runseed app 3 dut, milled run-til Stromm ALERT (runseed and almost and runsee and runseed rider).

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rsandown 2m24, Gd). FAMELY WAY: In Loach whol no extra liven 3 cost, 20 4th ol 5 to Kliembar (Thurley 3m, Gd). FAMELATA: Led briefly last, bin 10 by Kharagar, ShAlhAR (gr 12b) 20 further back in Ge In Garma

2m, Gd-Sti, JETTELLE Led to 4 out, railingt to regain advantage last, bt Woodwile Star by 6i (Linanick 2m. GJ-Sti), JETTELLE Led to 4 out, railingt to regain advantage last, bt Woodwile Star by 6i (Linanick 2m. GJ-Sti), BANKE STATISHERINT Led Les, beat REASQLVIA (gv 16b) 3 with JETTELL (gv 14b) a further 13d away 7th, NORDIC THORN (gv 18b) 8h of 12 (Finite 2m, Gd-Sti). DANKEL BEATE Made al, bt Lew Front by 11 eth DEPRYMOVEE (gv 28b) in frame in this race in test 2 peasons, another 21 eway 3rd and REASQLVIA (gv 64c) a termer 20 toxis in dth (Fairyhouse 2m, Gd-Sti).

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DANK HONEY'r Led Iaal, beeded fal, bis 2 by Major Summit (Sandown 2m48, Gd-Sit). HANWIELL LAD: Led 2nd, beel Silverian 4 (Exelor 2m78), Gd-Sit). 3.45 TEAL AND GREEK HANDICAP HUNDLE Son 110yok \$7,255

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2.20 Rye Crocking 2.55 Addington Boy 3.26 Jemima Puddle wood Kild 3.56 0

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12.40 See You Again

1.45 The Bod Club

1.10 DALLY BOY (map)

12.40 SHOVELER CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS' SELLING HURDLE BA CLONE

- 21U/P/-F DAH SOUND (30) (D) J Fc2Gerald 8-12-4 D40040- ASHDRIDK (345) (D) A Harmon 9-11-12 (730421- BARDAISK (3465) M Bartaclough 9-11-12 (22/-05U ALIMATIZAR (9) N Tinker 6-11-5
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TOP FORM TIP's Susaka Hara 8, See You Again 7, Highback 8

Bettings 7-2 Highbark, 4-1 Samaka Hara, 7-1 Dan Sound, 8-1 Askdres, Rudi's Pride, See You Agaio, 9-1 Bergaish, 14-1 Almanzar, 18-1 Ambridectrous, Celic Gelich 18 manaeri

1.10 TEAL AVENULE NOTICE HURDLE 4YO 2m C2,728 1 DANISY'S COREE (8) (0) J. Jefferson 11-5 ______ (27P HELL THYNE (7) (0) Ars 14 Reveley 11-0 ______ 0 ABSOLUTE FOLLY (28) Mrs 5 Smth 10-12 ______

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1.45 PRITAL HANDICAP CHASE 3m 6/ \$4,611

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 C12-3F HERVADA GOLD (7) F Yardiay 10-11-9
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TOP FORM TIPS; Recalley Creek 5, The Bud Clab 7

Bettings 8-4 Romany Creek, 7-2 Silver Stick, 4-1 The Bud Club, Honest Word, 6-1 Nevada Gold, 33-1 Snool, Rown, 66-1 Ready Mornssev.

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	SKIFTING MOOR (98) F Jordan 11-5 J Lodder
1	WATCH MY LIPS (85) (0) bi Tongkine 11-5
	BALLESWHIDDEN (10) B Smeri 11-0
P	ELPEDOS (28) bi Hammond 11-0
RF3	HEATHYARDS ROCK (7) R Holinghead 11-0
	HE KNOWS THE RULES & Bucken 11-0
	HIGH PATRIARCH N Walker 11-0

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2	THE-SF ZANHARDER (42) (C) W Storny 5-11-8	R NicGrath (7)
5	411111 SOUTH WESTERLY (38) (CD) Mrs 1 Revoley 6-11-7	GLee (3)
- 4	OFP31-P MOREOF & GUIMER (241 (C) J Jeflerson 6-11-5	ROmia
	12-44 PRIDE OF MAY (B) C Fairfurst 5-11-1	J Collectors *
ī	1021-0 SIREFAC (47) (D) 5 Bell 6-11-1	
ž	50-F122 EVE CROSSING (B) M H Easterby 6-10-11	LWest
ā	00-F343 CARRETTO (8) (8F) A Brows 9-10-10	
ĩ	04-3P31 DOWINITE (9) (D) K Bankry 8-10-8	T J Humbs (3)
10	50231 ABLE PLAYER (8) (CD) Mrs 5 Bramali 9-10-4	J Burley
- 11	Z -3600 MOHARU (8) (8) M/S M Reveley 10-10-3	
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12	10530-1 GYINCRAK, TOURR (72) G Homes (-10-)	A Dobbin
13	F35632 PORTHARD GLEN (8) (C) P Cheesbrough 9-19-2	R Supple
14		W Pry #
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3	0-23214 AMORDS CALE (B) J Homand Johnson 7-11-5	Richard Canadi 1
- 4	125P-3P AVRO ANSON (49) AL Camacho B-11-5	P Hilton
5	4004-0P EXCEPT MAN (24) F Walton 8-11-6	Mr & Roberto
ĩ	302521 LORD CYLLINE (119) (D) S Brookshaw 8-11-5	J Railton
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- 3	5013 WISDOW (37) (0) ¥ Morgan 4-11-3	AS Smith +
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8	3-FC ADDIRALS SEAT (7) M W EASIERDY 6-10-13
	(0) P-(22 WHATDHEYOUSAY (28) (BP) 5 Boushold 5-10-12 G Lee (3)
10	612011 RACHAEL'S OWEN (24) (D) 1 Dyer 6-10-11
11	100 JERRIA PUDOLEDUCK (20) A Streeter 5-10-0 W Humphreys
12	B45FR1 BOLANEY CIRL (40) (D) F Nurlagh 7-16-8
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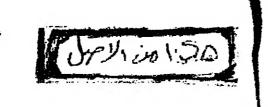
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SPORTS NEWS 9



Bird in fall flight . . . everyone's favourite Test match umpire from Barnsley to Bombay presents some of the faces and frolics that could reduce the most hot-tempered of fast bowlers to a kitten in his presence

Mother hen who proved that flapping could be fun

David Hopps pays tribute to the unique umpiring of Dickie Bird who will stand in a Test match for the last time at Lord's in June

ICKIE BIRD will um-pire a farewell Test against India at Lord's in June be-fore retiring from the interna-tional game. For a man who has often suggested that he is only completely happy stand-ing in the middle of a cricket trailan fast bowlers, liable to field, his decision will not have come lightly. "A five-day Test match is

much harder work now," he said. "You get tired and you are under the continual eye of

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When the potential for conflict has been at its highest, his man-management has consistently been beyond compare. Even the most en-raged, hot tempered player has been softened in his presence. Fast bowlers warned to cut out the short stuff could see their next ball, an inviting half-volley, driven for four and respond with nothing more than an exasperated shake of the head.

How can one possibly stage an argument with an umpire constantly twitching and squawking like an old mother

Bird's popularity came from more than that. It was the recognition of his essential hon-esty, his unworldly delight in both the game and its players.

frowned at his antics but it was all entirely natural. The revelation of humour and character are the very es-sence of the game and Bird have been answered. has both in abundance.

Dennis Lillee, the former Australia fast bowler, was a 66 Tests, three World Cup fin-als and 92 one-day internafavourite of Bird's, and tionals, Bird is the only man favourite of Bird's, and respect was mutual. Lillee once wrote: "He has a genu-ine understanding of the people he is controlling. He knows when to talk to the players, when to joke with them and when and how to all, his ability to make correct decisions is second to none." is discipline them. But, above all his ability to make correct decisions is second to none." is discipline them and how to all his ability to make correct decisions is second to none."

told Bird as they walked out together in Bombay: "I have often prayed about umpiring When his flap was at its height, an aged Scottish um-pire hobbled up to him to give thanks. "Mr Bird, I'm one of with you. Now my prayers your greatest fans," he said. 'Yes," cried Bird, "but what Alongside what will become should I do, what should I do?"

Stories like that abound. His rendition of his ordeal transporting six stumps from Barnsley to a tournament in Sharjah once filled most of a rain-ruined afternoon at Headright reputation. "Players cannot dingley. Dawn arrivals at have a man-to-man under-

sor Frank Chester and state: "Doubt? When I'm umpiring there is never any doubt." Umpiring is often dubbed

the loneliest job in the world. For Bird it was a great frater-nity. His modest home in the obvious first choice. He had been flustered to receive a form from the ICC asking South Yorkshire mining vilhow much warning he lage of Staincross is a shrine to the game. At 62, that has required before officiating on an overseas tour. "I don't need any at all," he said. "I'm not made his parting any easier, but it is a wise and coura-geous decision. Lord's in June will surely rise to him.

England's

already packed. I could go now." He was persuaded to put "24 hours." Peter Willey, the former England batsman, has been In the past year or so his standards have slipped, as unpromoted to the National avoidably they must. Tech-nology has undermined his reputation. "Players cannot Grid international umpires panel. He and his former Northamptonshire colleague George Sharp replace Bird and Nigel Plews and join Mervyn Kitchen and David Sbep

become tender-hearted in his presence, have all become the stuff of legend. Bird has always been the most human and accessible of umpires, a knack that should

the media. I'll look forward to | not be undervalued now that

Some austere souls have

To umpire alongside Bird ney north, promptly called criss-crossed his career. was to exist in his world of the Scotland batsmen off after when the International permanent crisis, but at his 25 overs and then called them Cricket Council inaugurated height many regarded it as a off again 10 overs later when privilege. The former Indian he was informed of the error Test umpire Swarup Krishan he had made.



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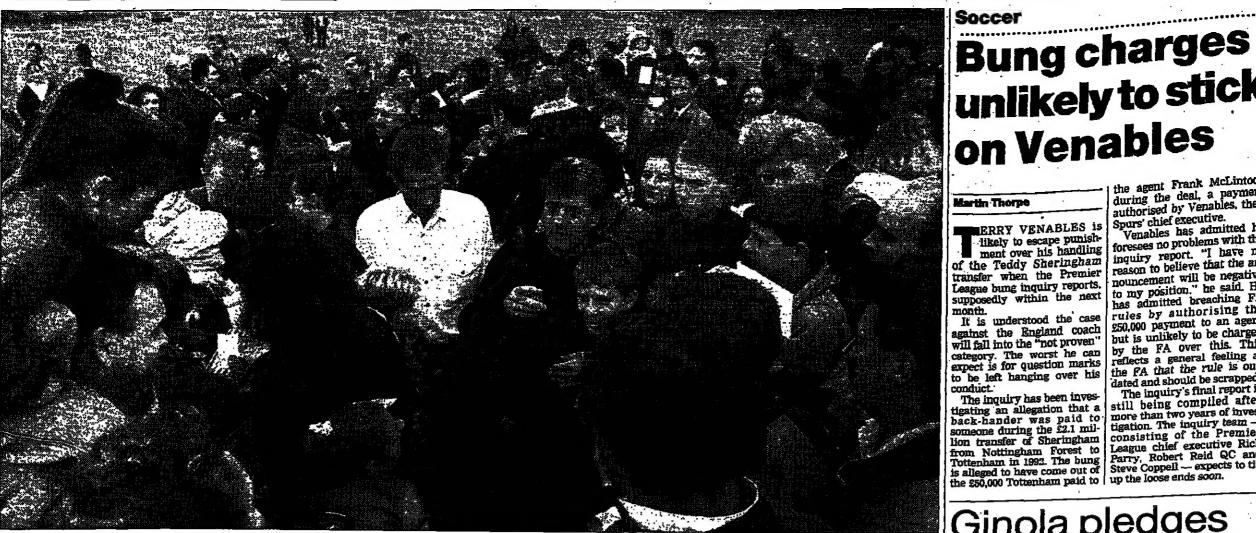
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10 SPORTS NEWS



Black and white all over . . . Kevin Keegan takes time out for the Newcastle fans, who are expected to spend £8.5 million on merchandise this year

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Martin Thorps

unlikely to stick on Venables

The Guardian Saturday January 13 1996

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Spurs' chief executive. ERRY VENABLES is Venables has admitted he foresees no problems with the likely to escape punishinquiry report. "I have no ment over his handling reason to believe that the anof the Teddy Sheringham nouncement will be negative to my position." he said. He has admitted breaching FA transfer when the Premier League bung inquiry reports. supposedly within the next rules by authorising the It is understood the case £50,000 payment to an agent against the Rngland coach

but is unlikely to be charged by the FA over this. This reflects a general feeling at the FA that the rule is outdated and should be scrapped. The inquiry's final report is still being compiled after

The inquiry has been inves-tigating an allegation that a back-hander was paid to someone during the £2.1 mil-lion transfer of Sheringham

consisting of the Premier League chief executive Rick Parry, Robert Reid QC and Steve Coppell — expects to the from Nottingham Forest to Tottenham in 1992. The bung is alleged to have come out of the 250,000 Tottenham paid to up the loose ends soon.

Ginola pledges himself to stay

AVID GINOLA yesterday insisted he was depeople queuing for the club termined to make a success of his English career despite the fall-out from the

his sending off for an elbowing incident at Arsenal. Newcastle's manager Kevin Keegan had expressed fears that Ginola might suffer a serious reaction after the fu-rore at Highbury in midweek and that the Frenchman was becoming an increasingly easy target for rival fans.

opponents and referees. Ginola, regularly jeered at away grounds after earning a ttation for theatrical falls, will serve a three-match ban after lashing out at Arsenal's Lee Dixon. And the Frenchman is one caution away from

a further suspension. But, after a meeting with Keegan yesterday, Ginola said: "I'm all right. I'm staying with Newcastle United." Ginola refused to discuss the Dixon incident but says: panded on the club's enor-"I wasn't happy about what happened at Arsenal but what s worrying me most is my orthcoming suspension. ion't want people to think I have let down the club."

rule F20.7 in respect of Wicks, son of the former Chelsea and QPR defender.

An FA statement said: "It was noted that ... Matthew Wicks had voluntarily indicated that he would accept the offer of the trainceship by Arsenal which had been bally agreed by the Professional Footballers' Association."

Sunderland's manager Peter Reid has gone back to his former club Manchester City with a \$500,000 offer for the goalkeeper Tony Coton. Kerry Dixon has moved on to yet another southern club, the 34-year-old former Eng-land striker joining Watford from Millwall for £25,000.

Keegan conveyed the same AC Milan are lining up thre message. "David has not Aiax players - Patrick Kluivert, Edgar Davids and Michael Reiziger -

North-East says hands off our managers

England expects but, if the fans have their way, Kevin Keegan and Bryan Robson will be staying put. David Hopps reports

NGLAND's search for although an awful lot can a new manager is viewed so unsympathetically in the North-East that it will be no surprise to discover that Hadrian's Wall has been moved stone by stone overnight and re-erected at Scotch Corner.

The region has endured so much hardship of late that it is in no mood to export the managers who have presided over an extraordinary regeneration.

Four seasons ago Newcastle were grateful to Kevin Kee-gan for keeping them out of the Third Division; they now have the panache of potential champions. Middlesbrough habitually lumbered between the top two divisions to limited purpose: Bryan Robson has brought hope that they can not only stay there but do so with style

For Keegan and Robson to be favourites to replace Terry Venables is unwelcome here. This represents much more than a parochial attempt to hold on to a couple of football managers who have achieved local popularity.

It is the proud expression of

happen in six months. Robson's suggestion that he wants to serve out the 18 months of his contract is more equivocal but has brought similar optimism on Teesside. If Jimmy Armfield, the Football Association's recruiter and opinion-seeker, ventures north, he should do so brandishing a white flag.

Michael Mitchell, marketing director for the North-East Chamber of Commerce, says: "There's no doubt that the success of Newcastle. Middlesbrough and Sunderland

makes it easier to attract investors into the region. "Rumour has it that the £1.1 billion Samsung project on Teesside was sealed after a night out for the company's executives watching Newcastle at St James' Park.

businesses accompanied a trade mission to Spain, organised around Newcastle's Uefa Cup tie against Athletic Bilbao. It paid dividends in creating a good atmosphere in which to make contacts and build relationships." The industrial wasteland

These days Middlesbrough can even be found on the internet. Ben Gent, a maths stu dent at St Aidan's College in Durham, introduced the page on the worldwide web in the aftermath of Robson's arrival appointment. "At the start it had about two [virtual] visitors a week but now it's up to about 250 a day," he said. "When Juninho or feel-good, the message was unmistakable:

signed there was a lot of interest in Brazil. I'd be devastated

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keen interest in the development of young players - Alex Ferguson encouraged that at and, in his role recruiting young players in clubs and schools, he has been keenly Manchester United," Bone "On the last Saturday home ware of the impetus given to

game before Christmas, against Manchester City, we had a lad over to see us from the region since Robson's Bone's mention of a "rubdown effect" makes him sound like a part-time mas-seur, but rub-down, knock-on ireland. Bryan spent half an hour, until half an hour be-

fore kick-off, talking to him. That's how committed he is. "The whole region is booming. I can't believe some of the

shop than two years ago were going to the matches." For queues at club shops Newcastle take some beating. Four years ago their shop

turnover was £200,000 a year. This year's forecasts, to May 81, are £8.5 million. A black and-white striped shirt is de rigueur bonny lad, and, in Newcastle city centre, it

adorns all ages and sizes. Such is the desire to be identified with the club that Newcastle have even introduced their own range of leisurewear. If England's designs on Keegan are seen in black and white, that should

be no surprise — the whole city is that colour. At Fossway Builders Merchants there has been a long tradition of sponsoring players' kit and, in the aftermath of Newcastle's defeat by Arsenal in the Coca-Cole Cup, its director Malcolm Hook ex-

mous influence upon the city. "The morning after our de-feat at Arsenal about 20 per cent of our customers wanted to talk about the match and the rest were probably thinking about it," he said.

given me any indication that he might be up and off. He's a "Everybody has been on a high these last few years.

But Rioch, who reacted fu-riously to an alleged remark by McDermott, claims their confrontation was a minor matter compared to the physi-cal damage that could have been inflicted on Dixon. Manchester United have been found guilty of making an illegal approach to the highly rated teenager Mat-

thew Wicks but escaped seri-ous punishment from the FA. United were ordered to pay the costs of two hearings after they were found guilty of breaching Premier League

a region that believes it has been socially and economically betrayed, which cherishes the return of the good times and which will not relinquish them without a fight.

Keegan's faithful assertion that he is "interested in managing nobody but Newcastle" has brought joy on Tyneside, the European Community's development fund.



Teesside Messiah . . . Bryan Robson stirs up interest in Middlesbrough CARL RUTHERFORD

DOLT tough around here. We thought the good times would never come along again. Now the yard is full of Newcastle shirts and hats. "Keegan has given us all

the touchline bust-up with Keegan's No. 2 Terry McDer-mott immediately after Ginosomething to look forward to. They worship him here. He'll never join England, it's just impossible." la's sending-off.

to Italian reports. The club's to feel hurt inside but he just vice-president Adriano Galliani has just returned from has to get on with it. The booing doesn't worry him." Amsterdam where it is be-lieved he opened negotia-Meanwhile Arsenal's manager Bruce Rioch said he tions. Davids and Reiziger beregretted his involvement in come free agents at the end of the season and would cost nothing but Kluivert will still be under contract and would command a transfer fee.

AFRICAN NATIONS' CUP: John Periman in Johannesburg looks at a tournament that will divert attention from the England tour

Ghana look good but South Africa may defy logic

one-day cricket inter-national at The Wanderers ground here today, most South Africans will reach for the remote control come midafternoon and switch chan-nels to the action that will be taking place on the other side of the city.

At the 80,000-seat FNB Stadium on the outskirts of Soweto. South Africa and half-empty stadiums. Cameroon meet in the open-ing game of the 20th African Nations' Cup. This biennial tournament is noted in Europe mainly for the gaps coaches must fill to replace absent African players such as Tony Yeboah of Leeds United, George Weah of Milan and Paulo Alves, Benfica's Angolan striker. But for three them. weeks, millions of Africans will talk of nothing else.

The opening match could set the tone for the rest of the tournament. While neither in 1990, Nigeria, the defend-South Africa nor Cameroon ing champions, held their

Cup, failure by the home team early on could damage popuria's rulers claimed that the lar interest. As it is, two of the four sets of group matches players would be at risk in South Africa and withdrew the team from the are being played in cities with no strong football tradition. Bloemfontein and Port Elizatournament. In their absence. Ghana's

chances of winning the cup beth, and even the most accomplished teams and players for the fifth time have soared. struggle to lift themselves in They begin their campaign in Port Elizabeth tomorrow with Home teams have enjoyed tough match against Ivory

considerable success in the Coast who beat them in the past, 19 tournaments produc-1992 final and in the 1994 quarter-finals. ing eight triumphs for the Yeboah, as important to hosts. But in the last two tour-

Ghana as he is to Leeds, has naments the home sides . players of quality and consid-erable experience alongside Senegal in 1992 and Tunisia in 1994 - went out in the group stages, taking the fans him. Abedi Pele, the Torino striker who won a European and the atmosphere with Cup medal with Marseille. One team that might have was in the team that won the cup back in 1982. Ghana have

kent a home crowd enthralled irrespective of South Africa's youthful dash too, built fortunes will not be taking around the side that won the part. As Cameroon had done

Cameroon can never be written off, but the team has been undermined by a row between officials and players over money that dates back to their disastrous 1984 World

Cup campaign. Egypt, coached by the for-

mer Dutch defender Ruud Krol are ranked No. 1 in Africa and scored 24 goals in an impressive qualifying cam-paign. Algeria. sparked by their midfielder Abdelhafid Tasfaout, who plays for Auxerre, are nearing the form that won them the cup in 1990. But the dismissal of their coach Rabah Madjer, who scored the winner in Algeria's 2-1 World Cup win against West Germany in 1982, will not help their cause. Zambia, beaten finalists in 1994, and Zaire are contend-

HATEVER the state are given much chance of own in the last World Cup ping them — although South fielder in Africa. Logic dic-one-day cricket inter-Cup, failure by the home team widely admired. Sadly, Nige-strength side 2-1 in late 1994. ing in the finals for the first try's racial divides, the Cup of time, do not have a chance but logic seldom holds sway south of the Limpopo.

They have home advantage - although the absurdly high ticket prices set by the local FA may undernine that ---and in Nelson Mandela a president with a great line in half-time talks. They have also put together an impressive unbeaten run of 13 games. including victories over Zambia, Ghana and Egypt and draws against Ar-gentina and Germany.

Whoever wins the final on February 3, there will have been opportunities aplenty for individual players. Every team has a player who could do something exceptional for his side and something lucrative for himself, with scouts and agents prowling hotel

under-17 World Cup in 1991. ers with Ivory Coast, for If Ghana get it right it is whom Joel Tiehi of Lens is While the rugby union difficult to see any side stop- rated the best attacking mid- World Cup and the England

Nations is the first major event to be staged by South Africa's only black-run sport. Football's administrators will be keen to make the tournament work.

But although the host country has facilities that the rest of Africa can only dream about, the development of soccer - left to stagnate in the apartheid era - has contin-ued to lag because of poor coaching and administration. Now there is an added inentive to succeed. Africa

looks certain to host the World Cup within the next 15 years and apart from Mo-rocco, who failed to qualify for this tournament, no other African country looks capable of so doing.

DRAW: Crowp A (Johannesburg) South Airles, Cameroon, Egypt, Angola, Group 8 (Bloendonisin) Zambia, Algeria, Sierra Laone, Burhuna Faso Group C (Durban), Zairle, Gabon, Liberia, Nigeria absem, Group D (Port Elizabeth): Ivory Coast, Ghana, Tuniala, Mozambiane. Yeboah quality supporting cast

Absent Nigeria face ban from World Cup

Nigeria will be barred from the 1998 World Cup qualifiers if they fail to arrive for the African Nations' Cup, according to Fifa's general secretary

Sepp Blatter. Nigeria, the holders, have been withdrawn from the tournament by the coun-try's military leaders but a place has been left open for them in case there is a lastminute change of heart.

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Nigeria, due to play Zaire tomorrow, have already been threatened with a four-year suspension from African competition by the Confederation of African Football and Blatter said vesterday: "If any sanction is enforced by CAF against Nigeria, then Fifa will have no alternative but to extend that sanction to all its competitions."

The Fifa president Joao Havelange said he was still trying to persuade the Nigerian government to send the team to South Africa.

A N Other

COTBALL will always need its poor bloody infantrymen, its unsung heroes, and it is difficult to recall the praises of this tenacious Merseysider ever being carolled on a regular basis. Yet he was consistently good at what he did, which was to dispossess op-ponents with timely tackles while leaving the creative work to others. Among scientists he was a laboratory assistant, but in a sticky period for toffees never gave less than his best. Later he went on a Welsh course but before that moved further west to a place better known, tunefully, as a day trip.

Last week: Ron Greenwood

(Bradford Park Avenue,

Brentford, Chelsea, Fulham).

TEAM SHEET

Botton will be missing liteir central de-tenders Fairclough and Taggart, who both start two-game suspensions. But Berga-son is back from asspension and the could perture Stabits, withdrawn from misfield. pertury Stabbs, withdrawn from midfiel or Todd, the manager's 65n The wing Lee, fit again after hamia problema, included in the squad. Wimbledon cou-be unchanged, athough Thorn and Ta boys have been added to the traveilla with ah Thorn and Tak eplace Yorke (playing in the North and Sentral American Gold Cup for Trinidad

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Middlesbrough y Arsenal

om a broken nose Black udmundesen Fenton an n navo Giomunosson Penion Manchester Utd v Aston Villa Sheffield Wed v Liverpool Manchester United will welcome bac Nodnesday are likely to bring back the el trecovered from a calf and may in place of Pulkington in goal and Scholes inacovered from flut in place of Beckham (suspended) in midheid, Aston Villa will make more changes. Woods and Briscoo are back in the squad and may replace Pressman and Sinton Liverpool will riplace Wright and Hartness thor two

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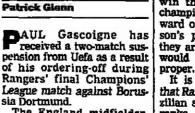
Middlesbrough have four defenders missing, with Cox suspended and Flaming ham will replace For thamstrin with Dozzeli and bring back Wilson, who has rocovered from ankle and groin injuries. Kerslake and Turner are also t cluded in the squad. City will replace the tell-back Brightwell (suspended) with th with the 1-year-old Rae Ingram. TOMORROW

Coventry v Newcastle

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Performance of the week: Michael Duberry (Chelsea), who was outstanding in defence against Newcastle in last Sunday's FA Cup tie.



The England midfielder. dismissed after a second caution for insulting the referee in Germany, was fortunate not to have got a three game ban, a fate that had befallen

his team-mates. The defenders Alan Mc-Laren and Alex Cleland both missed three European Cup

matches after sendings-off. McLaren originally received a four-game ban, which was reduced on appeal.

key in exchange for the Duich Gascoigne's absence could prove significant if Rangers striker, Peter van Vossen.

Gascoigne hit by European double whammy win the Premier Division Brian Laudrup returns to championship and draw awkthe side for the home match against Raith Rovers this ward opposition in next season's preliminary round. If they are in the Uefa Cup, he would miss the first-round It is becoming less likely

that Rangers will add the Bra-September.

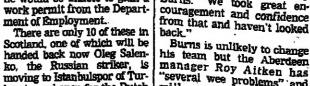
players had what it takes to make a real challenge," said the Celtic manager Tommy Burns. "We took great encouragement and confidence from that and haven't looked back_'

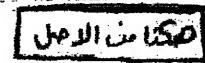
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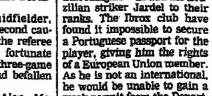
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afternoon, but Scotland's match of the weekend is Aberdeen v Celtic at Pittodrie tomorrow. These teams have already staged one of the events of the season — Celtic's 3-2 victory after being 2-0 down in

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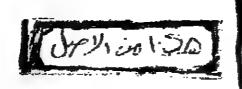


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Soccer Diary

Martin Thorpe

CURIOUS story appeared in one of the tabloids earlier this week about an alleged incident in the Chelsea carpark after their FA Cup game with Newcastle. Apparently Kevin Keegan went over to Alan Hudson and, according to the for-mer Chelsea player, "started slagging me off ...and jabbed a finger in

my chin". This story about bad blood between two old players is interesting not be-cause, in the light of Wednesday's Terry McDer-mott dust-up, it seems to confirm a rather tetchy dimension to the Newcastle Management leam. Nor should the story be

taken seriously because of its tone of moral indignation; that claim was lost the moment someone decided to headline the piece "Soccer At War". No. What was interesting

about this tawdry tale was the way Hudson presented it. For paragraph after paragraph he criticised Keegan's character with observations such as "Kevin went a long way down in my estimation when he threatened me"; "I was very disapppointed in Kevin"; "Kevin wants it all his own way and when he can't get it he sulks. I played with him in the Eng-

land Under-23 side and he was a sulker then". And after 30 paragraphs of this Hudson then said, no kidding: "But there is no way I am going to rubbish him." He then continues with more of his vilification.

Trying to pretend you are not saying what you pa-tently are is an odd phenomenon but not an uncommon one. It cropped up twice later in the week. After his side's Coca-Cola

Cup defeat at Leeds the Reading co-manager Mick Gooding asserted: "I don't like to see anyone sent off." before adding "but Gary McAilister had a swing at Phil Parkinson and that's violent conduct."

Rugby Union And over at Carrow Road Birmingham's Barry Fry

Todd Martin.

of pace in Paris



Day retarn . . . Greg Rusedski heads for defeat at the hands of Todd Martin in Sydney

Becker next for beaten Rusedski

REG RUSEDSKI's Open next week. Rusedski winning run at the went down 7-5, 7-6 to the Peters International American Martin, who will in Sydney was ended at the semi-final stage yesterday when he was beaten by meet Goran Ivanisevic in today's final. The Croat won 6-3, 7-6 over the home player Todd Woodbridge. The pain of defeat for the British No. 1 was com-pounded by the news that Ivanisevic, fancied to take a first Grand Siam, has been

drawn against Germany's Bernd Karbacher. "I'm the best prepared I've ever been," be said. he has been drawn against Boris Becker in the first round of the Australian

In the women's event | drawn against Petr Korda Brenda Schultz-McCarthy beat Mary Joe Fernandez 7-6, 6-3 and plays Monica Seles in today's semi-finals. Kimiko Date crushed Christine Newman 7-6, 3-6, Chanda Rubin 6-0, 6-1 to set up a meeting with Lind-6-3 in the first round of qualifying. say Davenport, who was a 6-3, 6-7, 6-3 winner over Nicole Bradtke. The British champion Tim Henman has been qualifying round today. Wood must win three

Tennis

Agassi rides crest of the old wave

SPORTS NEWS 11

David Irvine wonders where the young Americans are as he looks at contenders for next week's Australian Open in Melbourne

ONICA SELES's renewed challenge to Steffi Graf should help revive who rose from 60th to who rose from 60th to the flagging women's game in what seems an encouraging seventh; and the Chilean clay-court specialist Marcelo Rios, up from 107th to 25th. None did too well in the ason. The rivalry between season. The rivary between the top Americans Andre Agassi and Pete Sampras, finalists in two of last year's Grand Slam events but, with double ranking points now on

Grand Slam tournaments, can only bring spice to the men's Yet in the run-up to the Australian Open, here on the

hard courts of the enlarged Flinders Park stadium, there is growing apprehension about the future. The next wave of champions is no-

where in sight. Where established players such as Sampras, Agassi, Bo-ris Becker, Michael Chang, Goran Ivanisevic and even Andrei Medvedev all broke into the top 10 as teenagers, there are now no players on the list below the age of 21. Indeed the average age of the top 20 at the end of 1995 was nearer 24 - the highest ranked teenager being the 19-year-old Australian Mark

Philippoussis, at No. 32. It is the absence of young Americans that is so surprising. Not only are there a mere 14 Americans in the top 100 half as many as in 1990 — but the youngest, the 21-year-old Vince Spadea, is modestly of player who comes and goes. He's here to stay and he cerplaced at 74th.

Why is this? There are two theories. First, that players are now so well rewarded more than a dozen made more than £1 million last year with Sampras on around £4 million — that few feel an incentive to reach for the top.

Secondly — and this is espe-cially true of the women — almost all the players are alike: without variety, imagination and, most of all, any sense of adventure. It is a terrible reflection on modern coaching methods.

Finding exceptions should be an interesting exercise when play starts here on Monday. In the men's event

tainly has the potential to be ranked higher than he is." At present Enquist looks a better bet than Philippoussis because he has greater agility and consistency on his ground strokes. None the less the 6ft 4in Australian has an intimidating game and - as he demonstrated when he took a set off Sampras at the US Open ----

can rise to the big occasion. It is unlikely, however, that Sampras and the holder Agassi will let an outsider steal their thunder - even if neither is as well prepared as he might have liked. Agassi, now recovered from a chest injury, has not played competitively for three months, while Sampras had to miss this week's warm-up event at

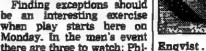
Kooyong because of flu. The left-handed Ivanisevic, who has appointed his travelling partner and boyhood friend Vedran Martic as his coach and who won the Grand Slam Cup, could emerge as the principal chal-lenger to the top-seeded American duo. "That gave me the sort of confidence I've lacked," said the Croat, sug-gesting that Melbourne suited his same perfectly. ATP Championships; he fore-cast a top-four place for the

his game perfectly. Despite Seles's second lengthy absence — this time because of an ankle injury and a blood disorder — it is diffi-Swede in the same period. In Frankfurt Enqvist beat Jim Courier, Chang and Thomas Muster before losing the semi-final to Becker, the cult to see anyone preventing her from winning the women's title for a fourth time "He reminds me so much of Agassi," said Becker, "except that his serve is bigger than Andre's. He is not the calibre in Graf's absence following an operation on her foot

Seles feels she must beware the title-holder Mary Pierce, who has not won any event of significance since defeating Arantza Sanchez-Vicario in last year's final, Conchita Martinez, Sanchez-Vicario and Gabriela Sabatini.

That Seles's shortlist of rivals is so brief reflects just how bare the women's cupboard is. Kimiko Date, an undistinguished Japanese with-out a title of significance to her credit, finds herself

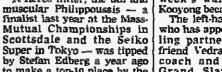
aeded fourth. Sadly, with the exception of the Swiss youngster Martina Hingis, aged 16, who is ranked high enough to be seeded here, only Chanda Ru-bin — another to be seeded for the first time — has a game with broader dimensions than is now the norm.



ventual champion.

on the rise

offer at these, the Australian Open presents Philippoussis and Enqvist in particular with an opportunity to estab-lish themselves at the top. A fierce hitter, the tall and muscular Philippoussis - a finalist last year at the Mass-Mutual Championships in Super in Tokyo — was tipped by Stefan Edberg a year ago to make a top-10 place by the middle of 1995. Becker was equally im-pressed by Enqvist after he reached the semi-finals of the



bletant Norwich handball. Yes, you guessed it: "I don't like to see anyone sent off but Newsome should have gone."

POLICE are looking for two suspects involved in an assault in Hackenthorpe. According to the Sheffleld Telegraph they were "both wearing dark colour three-quarter length coats of the type sometimes worn by football managers". But what sort of coats do managers wear? Dominic Rice of Sheffield, who spotted the story, suggests that Roy Aitken wears a "Gaberdeen", Mark McGbee a turncoat while there are quite a few players who would suit

a donkey jacket. SO MUCH for press free-dom. A story recently over the next two months. appeared in a Sunday newspaper which claimed that John Barnes was having an affair with Carlsberg's North-west PR girl. Carlsthe fridge in the Anfield press room with beer. After he led Toulouse to their first European Cup success in Cardiff last Sunday, the

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T IS had enough Jason Lee being slow on the pitch but a bit rich when he France achieve similar is accused of being slow in satisfaction. Widely regarded as the new the warm-up. At last week's FA Cup tie at Stoke a senior policeman approached the Forest bench to ask for Lee Serge Blanco because of his ability to attack from behind his own 22, Ntamack has scored 10 tries in 18 internato move quicker in his routine as the kids in the tionals since making an in-auspicious debut against junior section could not see enough of the game. Wales at the Arms Park two

SO WHY the surprise at Terry Venables's deci-sion to quit? Early January is normally the time to get rid of the Christmas tree.

N THE end it was poor old Sir Bert Millichip, the FA chairman, who did for Ven-ables — inadvertently. The principal reason the Eng-land coach decided to stand down was because the libel action brought against him by Alan Sugar will be in court in October and No-Skling vember, the same time as ***** England play vital World Downhill fails to survive troublesome Streif

Cup qualifiers. But in fact the case had originally been scheduled for early this year. The court was persuaded to delay it until after the European Championship. What persuaded the court? A personal plea from Sir Bert.

OF COURSE Lee Dixon is not the first person to very sore head after a spec-to cancel but they are still take a backhander at tacular fall in training, hopeful for today's full-Highbury.

Ntamack the knite well noned for England

vious meeting, the World Cup play-off, Ntamack's late try Robert Armstrong on the French flyer clinched the first French vio iory in nine matches against their old enemy. If Underthreatening a trial wood has lost even a fraction of pace, Ntamack will show no mercy; after all, the Frenchman caused the slow-T IS easy to see why many Frenchmen believe Emile Ntamack will spearhead furning Lomu embarrassment in the 22-15 win over New Zealand in Toulouse two his country to a Grand Slam months ago.

That triumph at his home ground, Des Sept Deniers, for the first time in nine years after his place in the team for next week's Five Nations emains Ntamack's most opener against England was confirmed this week. The cherished memory (even though he failed to score) in a remarkable year that won him a place in most people's putative World XV. "It is al-Toulouse flyer may not be as big and strong as Jonah Lomu but, at 6ft 2in and 14st, he is ways sweeter to win when the critics are expecting you to lose to one of the two best sides in the world," said Niaquick, powerful and elusive, presenting a major threat to British and Irish defences Ntamack can hardly wait to get the ball in his hands for England's visit to Paris, a fixmack with a smile. "Still, our 37-12 defeat in Paris A week later was an unpleasant ture giving France an early shock and now we must establish our credibility again. opportunity to repeat last summer's World Cup triumph over Les Ros-bifs in Pretoria. Clearly a home win against England is long overdue."

Ntamack has enjoyed an in-sider's view of the vagaries of French rugby politics which saw the Freuch coach Pierre Berbizier ousted despite an excellent World Cup. The Toulouse coach Jean-Claude French wing spoke in an en-gaging mixture of rapid French and halting English of his fervent desire to help Skrela, who had recruited Ntamack on the advice of Pierre Villepreux, replaced Berbizier and promptly mas-terminded the defeat of the All Blacks. Skreia's desire to have his side keep the ball alive at all costs — it proved costly in Paris — should guarantee a decisive role for his years ago. It has been a remarkable entry into Test club captain in Five Nations matches

The umbilical cord between rugby, comparing favourably with the recent strike rate of Toulouse and the French Lomu, David Campese, Phi-lippe St André and Rory Underwood. squad should serve as a warn-ing to England, whose halfbaked efforts to change character and play a running game have lacked conviction. Ntamack will be greatly aided Underwood, whom Ntamack generously describes as "magnifique", will have the dangerous task of marking the Toulouse wing at the Farc des Princes. In their only pre-

THE only man who could gain the slightest satis-faction from yesterday's cancellation of Kitzbühel's is most satanic. Yesterday sprint downhill was Lasse overnight Föhn turned state of Britain's ski racing.

course Hahnenkamm.

Kjus, the World Cup leader | more open sections from ice

writes John Samuel

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No holding Ntamack the grounded Morris is left behind in the World Cop defeat by France in Pretoria SHAUN BOTTERAL

Castaignede, not to mention the bullish ball-handling prop Christian Califano. Richard highest-paid player, he Castel, the dynamic Toulouse flanker who did much to un-

Their lack of success and

home-country infighting

have seen the Council grant slashed by two-thirds in the

run-up to the 1998 Nagano

Winter Olympics.

highest-paid player, he receives only £2,000 a month from the club. That is supplemember of the France squad. It would profit England to

eau and the centre Thomas | have relied heavily on their | the parts the English cannot | and, at the start of the year, reach - the wines - because he scored a Five Nations try they place a high premium on against Wales. None of the crisp, accurate handling. The beneficiaries tend to be Ntahome unions will be taking Ntamack for granted. mack and St André. At 25 he is young enough to

A frame-by-frame video re-run of Ntamack's match-winning try in the World Cup match against Scotland would show he adjusted his angle of mach's lowe of the coruscar-ing Toulouse style developed by Villeprenx that he rejected substantial offers from sev-eral leading clubs and instead signed for Toulouse for a modest monthly salary in 1991. In the Ninetles Toulouse

Towers lean on a newly cut backcourt

Robert Pryce

Basketball

KEVIN CADLE says the London Towers are "in better shape than anybody' in the Budweiser League Steve Bucknall and Danny Lewis will have to stay that way this season if the Towers are to win their first titles. Bucknall and Lewis are Ca-

die's starting guards. In fact, they are just about his only guards. Approaching their first appearance in the 7-Up Trophy final today, the Towers may be only one more inopportune injury from an-other blank season.

They started out with plenty of depth in the back-court. But Mark Hubbard, the former England gunner, has never fully recovered from back surgery. And Joel Moore, the 30-year-old former England international who was expected to provide ball-handling and shooting help, was transferred to the Man-chester Giants yesterday.

Bucknall and Lewis will have to play almost all the game against the Worthing Bears at the NEC this evening, but then they have borne the backcourt burden pretty successfully all season. Bucknall, the former Los An-geles Laker, lies ninth in the league in scoring (21.9 points a grand and third in assists a game) and third in assists (5.6 a game). Lewis. who used to frustrate his team-mates as often as he thrilled his fans, has turned down the dazzle to take on the playmaking role.

A quickly drawn portrait of play for France in the 1999 World Cup, when the advanthe two teams would show the Bears looking older, shorter tage of a home base, with at least one pool match in Tou-louse, will boost their prosand slower, but they have the big-game players and the reli-ability that Cadle covets.

He is also hoping for a su tacle to beguile crowd and Sky audience. "I want both teams to play to their potential," he says. "H both teams play to their potential, we'll win.'

Cricket

England tour to SA

Match Reports

hinge Cardiff, will be on the France bench. It is a measure of Nta-mack's love of the coruscai-it would profit England to make a careful study of why

Boxing

IBF heavyweight champion fails drug test

THE LUCK of Axel Schulz similarly dubious means in found large quantities." said might finally be changing. Stuttgart last month for the Alois Teuber of the German writes Jack Massarik. Ameri- IBF title vacated by Foreman. boxing federation. boxing federation.

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cans booed as the unsung German heavyweight was al-legedly outpointed by ancient George Foreman last April, Clamouring for a third try at and then denied a rematch. German spectators pelted the ring when François Botha the ring when François Botha

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EUTODE THE SUCCESSION TO VENABLES: NOW FRANCIS TURNS HIS BACK ban leaves **Spurs** fuming

Martin Thorpe

N ALMIGHTY row was A brewing yesterday after Uefa banned Tottenham Hotspur and Wimbledon from European competition for a year as further punishment for their half-hearted partici-

pation in the InterToto Cup. Both clubs will appeal but Alan Sugar, the Tottenham chairman, is almost certain to consider legal action if what he sees as a blatant injustice is not overturned - espe-cially as Spurs are in a strong position in the Premiership to win a Uefa Cup place this

Uefa announced the ban through its press spokesman Massimo Gonella. "It has been imposed because Totten-ham and Wimbledon fielded below-strength teams in last summer's InterToto Cup," he said. "It will be active for five years and, if either club quali-fles for any European compe-tition within that period, they will not be allowed to

Compete." Uefa has already docked English clubs a Uefa Cup place next season over the In-terToto incident and also withheld appearance money from Tottenham and Wimbledon. The general view yester-day was that this third punishment was a step too far.

Yesterday Sugar said: "There must be a very big misunderstanding and I am sure it will be cleared up very shortly.

Premier League clubs Premier League clubs agreed in principle to com-pete in last summer's Inter-Toto Cup but some months later got cold fest. However, Uefa refused to allow them to withdraw, threatening the FA with the loss of a Uefa Cup place if three English clubs did not appear.

did not appear. In the end three volunteered, Sheffield Wednesday, Wimbletion and Spurs. "We entered the InterToto Cup by



Gerry Francis

'I am of the same opinion as I was two years ago: if my future is in football, it would be at club level'

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Leading candidates are still in the England frame in spite of their apparent lack of interest, reports Martin Thorpe

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Players put in peril by Telexchange

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David Lacey

NUMBER of England footballers' careers were put on hold this eek. Some may even have been given six months' notice. That is the way of it when a national coach annonnces his intention of standing down. The length of the guess list concerning the man the Foot-ball Association will appoint to succeed Terry Venables after the European Champion after the European Champion-ship has almost been matched by the queue of those declaring their lack of interest in the job. This is hardly surprising considering the managerial reputations ruined by the England experience. Why exchange a well-paid life in the Premier League for a smaller alary in purgatory? Did the Church of England consult Venables, Graham Taylor and Bobby Robson before redsfin-

ing Hell? Somebody, however, will eventually be handed the task of attempting to take England to the 1998 World Cup in France via Italy, Poland, Georgia and Moldova while the back pages search for some new lines in abuse. The first favour the FA can do Venables's successor is to ensure that, when the dates for

the qualifiers are sorted out in Warsaw next week, England do not play a World Cup game before October. The next Eng-land coach will need to see his team in action at least once before hardening up his ideas for the coming struggle. On just what those ideas turn out to be will depend the

ity. Bryan Robson and Glenn Hoddle are counter-punchers who place slightly more emfutures of a number of players phasis on possession. All three are in the "No" lobby. who until this week might WILD Whoever takes over, the choice of genuine international talent remains distinctly unembarrassing. France made it to Euro '98 after the services of Cantona and Ginola had been dispensed with. The next England coach will have to think twice before leaving out Stone.

Spare a thought, too, for Graeme Le Saux and Darren Anderton, who blossomed under Venables but who are, for the moment, in limbo. Injuries could force both out of the European Championship and the next coach may have other preferences. It would be a rare change-over that did not see at least one England career chopped off at the knees. Frank Wor

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thington was a gifted centreforward but he lasted only two more games once Don Revie had relieved Joe Mercer of the England care-takership in 1974. Revie was not into Elvis and Worthington's designer-stubble was 20 years ahead of its time.

The arrival of Ron Greenwood in 1977 meant only one more cap for Brian Talbot, and that against Australia, be cause in the age of the thoroughbred there was no longer a place for an honest but limited workhorse. In the same way Carlton Palmer, whose lack of tactical discipline drove Taylor to scream-ing pitch, quickly disappeared from the England scene once Venables had taken over.

ERSONALITIES also come into the argument. Robson, for example, wasted no time dropping Kevin Keegan when he became manager after the 1962 World Cup. And what might England have achieved had Venables been given the job in 1990, when Chris Waddle and Gary Lineker, neither of them Taylor's greatest fans, were in the squad?

A number of international players, then, will be made or unmade by the next England coach. The appointment of Gerry Francis, for example, would have been good news for Ferdinand, Sheringham Anderton and Barmby

Francis's teams attack with Taylor's high tempo and defend with Venables's auster-

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ball Association and Premier League." confirmed Sugar yesterday. And he stres "We received permission from them to play a weaker team and even to use players from other clubs and play at other club's stadiums (they played at Brighton]. 'I balieve wa even con-

firmed this in writing and also received an assurance by telephone from Uefa that nothing would happen if we proceeded on that basis.

Therefore, the wires have been crossed somewhere and I am sure it will be resolved. I am confident that both the FA and Premier League will back up exactly what I have said."

The FA and Premier League both pledged their full support to the appeals. Shef-field Wednesday, who put out stonger teams and played at Hillsborough, were only rep-rimanded by Uefa.

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years ago, when I was inter-Kevin Keegan, Bryan Robviewed about the England po-sition --- that if my future is son and Ray Wilkins seemed to rule themselves out on in football, it would be at club Thursday and yesterday it level." But does "at the pres-ent time" mean be could was the turn of Gerry Fran-cis. But the FA's chief executive Graham Kelly is unperchange his mind? If so, Francis would be available, as he works withturbed. When asked vesterday whether he was worried, he replied: "Not un-duly. Things can change." This is an acknowledgeout a contract at Spurs. An-other contender, Glenn Hod-die, would also be free as his ment that, though a manager Chelsea contract expires at the end of this season. And yesterday he did not rule out may pledge his loyalty to a club, it can be more a common courtesy than an un-

his candidacy. "I haven't even thought about it. I don't wish to plan too far ahead." equivocal position. The gen-eral feeling remains that Robson is the man to replace he said, hefore Terry Venables, especially as son for the job. he said, before backing Rob

It is understood that the Leeds manager Howard Wil-kinson is unlikely to be con-sidered for the post, even if be out clause in his Middleebrough contract should an Francis said yesterday: "At wanted it. Yesterday he was giving little away: "I have abthe present time I am of the solutely nothing to say about whether or not I might want same opinion as I was two

the job or whether I am the person for the job. "I have absolutely nothing to say about who I think should have the job. I have nothing to say about what I think the job is about or the qualities I think are necessary for whoever does get the

A dark horse for the posi-tion could be Nottingham Forest's Frank Clark. He is highly thought of within the FA and yesterday his odds for the job shortened sharply from 33-1 to 20-1. Kelly said that the FA sub-

Euro '96 because that will give the person concerned the opportunity of thinking about the job, watching the teams we will be playing in the World Cup and generally making preparations." He also said that the new

man could learn alongside the current coach before the handover. "Tm sure Terry would welcome him along and extend every facility to him; there is no reason not to," said Kelly. "But there has got to be a clear understand-

ing that it's Terry's job for this champio Kelly gave few hints about the FA's thinking on a succes-

sor but ruled out a volte face by Venables. "The FA media tion between Sugar and Vena bles has not yet succeeded and it was Terry's view that it would not succeed in suffi-cient time to avoid the court

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that the gap between Sugar and Venables is too wide. Each has moved towards the other but, short of a miracle it won't be resolved in time." But, he added pointedly: "Had that dispute been resolved earlier the situation with Terry would have been different."

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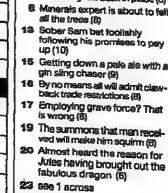
they would still be part of the international scene after Euro '96. For Paul Gascoigne, Teddy Sheringham and Dennis Wise the identity of the next Eng-land coach will be of particular interest. The same goes for David Platt, too, although on his present form for Arsenal he might struggle to get



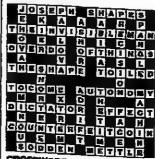
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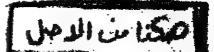
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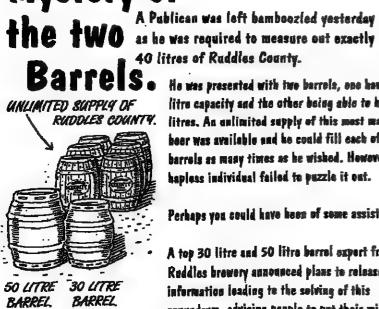
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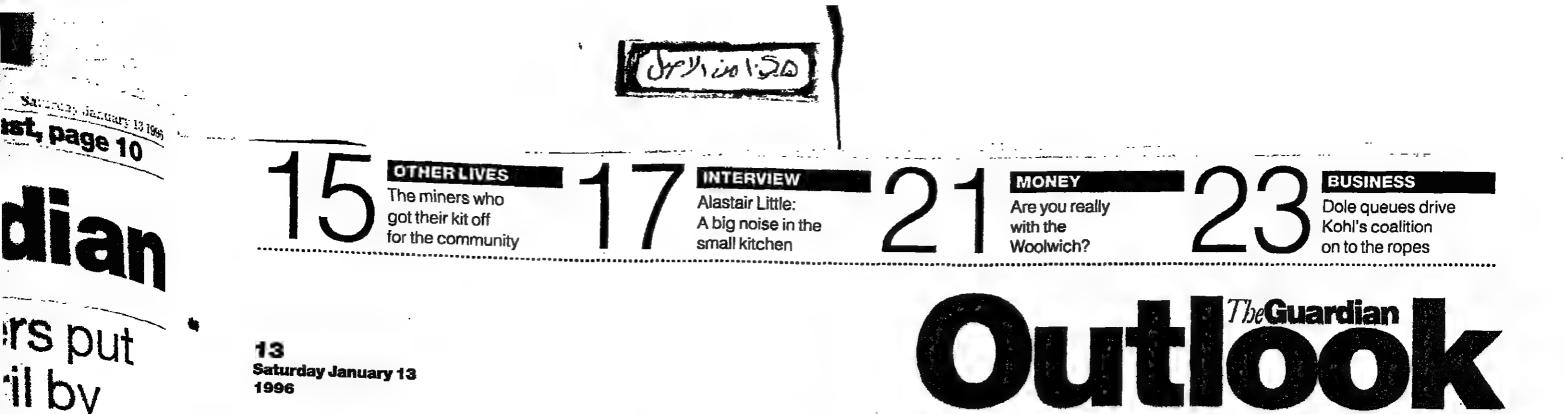
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BRIAN WENHAM urges the BBC's next chairman to go boldly into pay TV, while right, STEVE BARNETT says the time has come to break Murdoch's grip on sport

King Bland must dish it to Rupert

ITH customary back-handedness, ministers have gone out of their way to give Christopher Bland, the next BBC chairman, a baptism of fire. It was needlessly arrogant of them not to run his appointment past the Opposition, whose grudging acquiescence was there for the asking; and fur-ther folly not to have popped

him into the post sooner. As it is, the appointment of this staunch Tory coincides with the opening salvoes of a long, long pre-election tussle. That tussle is shaping up as Shareholder versus Stakeholder. Multi-millionaire Bland, a spectacular beneficiary of the first, will now have his work cut out ensur-ing his troops give full balance ing weight to the second. Had ministers moved faster, Bland might have been accorded a new boy's benefit of the doubt

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sphere he will have to earn it,

day by day and week by week. Pressure will be at its most

intense during the election campaign itself, when BBC

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domestic TV in particular. Competitors will be eagle-eyed to challenge whatever they see as an abuse of power. That conjures up the unpleasing prospect of lawyers by the score replacing the armies of management consultants who so disfigured the Hussey years. And there will inevita-bly be large considerations of financial prudence as the BBC moves deeper into what is still largely uncharted territory. The biggest mistake would

be simply to mimic what other stations have been offering. Thus far satellite and cable exploited the obvious. The appetite for films had been well established by the growth of video rental. Similarly any student of Grandstand could tell you extended sport coverage was a natural for pay tele-vision. The major problem here is of the Government's making, ignoring as it did the need for ground rules to pre-vent terrestrial viewers being

place. When BBC2 screened Wagner's Ring in the early eighties, a million viewers watched what is hardly easy fare. Take that as meaning half a million homes, and as sume only a tenth sign on at, say £100 a year. £50 million looks like good cost-covering conomics, with the prospect of expanding through Europe to come.

Having spent the last 10 years spitting on its own past, the BBC must now dig into its teritage, and find ways of driving true broadcast choice forward. It should come more easily to them than to rivals whose bottom-line consider ations will push them towards afer options.

It must, of course, always take care not to deprive the licence-payer of something he or she might reasonably expect to have got within the licence; and it will need financial transparency of a sort that has not always come easily to the corporation

The battle the Beeb can win

TORY "placeman" or not. crown are being lifted from Sir Christopher Bland's under its nose and turned appointment as BBC chair- into hugely profitable satelan has gone down well with the broadcasting establish-ment — or at least his fellow refugees from London Weekend Television.

His reception, however, will be somewhat cooler in the corridors of Broadcasting House and Television Centre, BBC producers who were happily contemplating the and of John Birt's managerially oppressive regime are

into hugely profitable satel-lite commodities. Now, if you want to watch live Premier League soccer, golf's Ryder Cup, cricket one-day internationals or Rugby League, you won't get much change out of \$300 a year. No one but satellite viewers will get to see next month's cricket's World Cup — not even highlights. Soon, it will be rugby's Five Nations, followed by Wimble-don and the Grand National Murdoch's bid for the Sydney Olympic Games in the year 2000 is already on the table. Not everyone likes sport But even those who reach for the remote control at the sight of Desmond Lynam appreciate the cultural significance of great sporting occa-sions which are part of the country's national heritage. Over eight million viewers regularly tune in to BBC's A Question of Sport and many more watch the big events Sport matters, to a lot of people, but only 20 per cent of homes have access to satellite channals.

The big sporting events can, and should, be protected for universal viewing on terrestrial channels — as they were before the 1990 Broad casting Act abolished such protection except for (non-existent) pay-as-you-view pur-poses. And Sir Christopher Bland can lead the way by calling on both political parties to unite in defence of a provision which is manifestly

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had served long in the old IBA, and is therefore thoroughly versed in broadcasting politics. Quick to the point, if sometimes short in temper, he should offer a refreshing con-trast to the windy rhetoric of the present régime. Post-election, Bland's nerve will come more into its own, as the BBC advances into the multi-channel world and is able to bring in commercial capital. Labour, which speaks confidently of public and private money working together, can hardly com-

plain. But there is a selling job yet to be done. Many traditional BBC supporters find this notion hard to take, even though funding has long been plural. The Foreign Office pays for the External Radio services, and co-production, and other com-

for most sports, and many stump up £200 for a night out mercial monies help prop up for two at Jeremy Iseac's

provided the third major But long-term its salvation will lie in doing what it always plank — and news organise tions always expand to fill the claims it does best - even time and space available. The BBC is contemplating when it evidently does not and that is to extend the range

initiatives in both news and sport, but it needs to go beyond. It needs to explore avenues that are less obvious, and that carry a stronger public service resonance. The approach of digital television means that channel capacity is not a constraint, but the quality of ideas may be. Two initial thoughts. We are constantly told that the educational system is at full

seriously deprived. News has

stretch. The BBC ranks education within its trinity of "inform, educate and entertain". In practice education has always run a poor third. squeezed for space and for talent. Educational program ming could plug gaps left by more formal provision. If a package can be put together with conviction, then it should be done, and provided it makes a serious contribution,

done with public subvention. Similarly, classical music is at the heart of BBC tradition. The BBC still retains a fistful of orchestras, and it runs a radio music channel. Add to that the output of opera houses and concert halls across the land, and you begin to see the outline of a distinctive offering. Putting this package in place would be fraught with trickiness over rights and payments, but — if

done well — it could find a ready subscribers club. Devotees are as numerous as

of what is available, and then to extend it again and again. That is Bland's challenge, and he is both clear headed and far-sighted enough to take it on. But who sits alongside him? Early comment has assumed Bland's arrival means a further term for John Birt, his one-time LWT director of programmes. But the imagination now called for is not Birt's strongest suit, and in any case chairmen like their own appointees. On the past four occasions, after much huffing and puffing, the job has some to the next in line, in this case Bob Phillis, Birt's deputy, But next time there might be a field that is genuinely open. Michael Grade is often mentioned but the idea now has an eighties feel to it. Greg Dyke works well with Bland, but one multi-millionaire is enough for the BBC, two might be thought to verge on the louche. So a fourth name comes up: David Elstein, BBCtrained, who then went through the hoops at ITV and as an independent, and who now works for Murdoch. Time was when his present position would have been considered an obstacle, but now it may

well be a plus. Brien Wenhern is a former managing director of BBC network radio.

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in the public interest. He will face howls of protest - from the sporting bodies who will claim gross interference in their negotiating ability, and from Murdoch's repwill whine sanctimoniously about the need to preserve a

less sanguine on hearing that. iess sanguine on hearing that. Birt is looking forward to renewing his LWT partner-ship with Bland — possibly beyond the year 2000. Those who ware desperately hoping for some infusion of creative dynamism by the likes of Michael Grade will be bitterly

disappointed. So Bland will have to work hard to win staff over, and he will have an early opportu-nity to make some headway. For in one area of program-ming in which it has traditionally excelled, the BBC is facing a crisis of apocalyptic proportions. It is an area where a strong chairman who has the stomach for a fight could demonstrate his commitment to the corporation. The problem is sport. A public broadcaster on a fixed in-come is no match for the predatory instincts of Rupert Murdoch with an open cheque book. One by one, the jewels in the BBC sporting

free market. With four com-peting terrestrial broadcasters, the argument no longer holds. It is based purely on greed. It will be a brave campaign, not least because it will reignite those hostile self-interested editorials which were a feature of the Murdoch press a decade ago. But there is much more than televised sport at stake. Within his fiveyear tenure, Bland is going to face a renewed political battle for the licence fee — opposed this time not by the radical right but by the old-style left concerned about an escalating and regressive tax on the elderly and low-paid. More than any other single pro-gramming strand, the gradual disappearance of big sporting events from the BBC erodes the case for a compulsory licence fee. The BBC knows it. And so does Rupert Murdoch. It is a battle worth fighting, and even the Labour Party may suspend its love affair with Rupert long enough to listen. Just to launch the campaign will give Bland a flying start with the anxious staff and satellite-wary viewers be is about to inherit. He doesn't have long to stem the flow.

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Tickling **Europe's** deficit

T IS the familiar story of the British disease: stagnating economic growth: rows between employers and unions: a worsening budget deficit indigenous companies investing abroad rather than at home: and unemployment soaring to socially unacceptable levels. The only difference is that the country in question is not Britain but Germany, whose deepening economic problems are starting to throw a dark shadow across the timetable for monetary union in Europe. It is not just that the German economy recorded virtually no growth in the second half of last year. Or that unemployment at 9.3 per cent is much higher than in Britain (8 per cent). All this is bad enough: but worse, from the point of view of German pride, is the fact that the federal government's budget deficit (at 3.6 per cent of GDP) is now well above the ceiling of 3 per cent which we have been led to believe had been etched forever in the Maastricht tablets. Germany has been pompously lecturing other states to bring down their deficits to the prescribed level in order to qualify for the single currency. Suddenly, it finds

itself one of the biggest offenders. And if Germany, the locomotive economy of Europe, is in deep doo doo then it is unlikely that neighbours like France which depend heavily on her for exports will be able to meet Maastricht either. Even if one accepts the view that the poor recent performance of the German economy is merely a pause before growth is resumed later this year it is unlikely that unemployment - one of the biggest devourers of public money will drop substantially. This is because so much German joblessness is structural. Traditional industries are shedding labour while German companies, put off by high domestic costs, are increasingly investing abroad (\$26 billion in the first nine months of 1995) in the lower wage countries of Eastern Europe. Asia and even Britain.

If the "core" economies of the EU don't qualify for monetary union on their own criteria, will the whole project be abandoned or at least postponed? Not at all. As John Palmer reports elsewhere today, the Euro spin doctors are already poring over the small print of Maastricht and have discovered that it is a less rigid document than they were prepared to admit even a few weeks ago. For instance Article 104c allows the Commission to decide whether a deficit in excess of 3 per cent is "exceptional and temporary" or whether a deficit "exceeds government investment expenditure" implying, so it is argued, that deficits caused by investment spending might be dealt with more leniently than those caused by consumption outlays. And if the Council of Ministers decides to get tough, it will need a

two thirds majority - which may be difficult to marshall if most of the participants themselves are breaching their ceilings. Exit Maastricht the unchallengeable treaty set in tablets of stone: enter Maastricht, your flexible friend.

European governments must do more than redefine the goal posts, if they want to prevent the whole European project from becoming associated in the public mind with recession and unemployment they had better act collectively and aggressively to cut interest rates to boost business confidence, re-invigorate the housing market and bolster the feelgood factor. This won't cure Germany's structural unemployment overnight but it may do something to alleviate Eurosclerosis. There is a strong case for reducing interest rates on a global basis. The three main economic centres of the world - the United States, Japan and Europe - are all expanding much more slowly than their underlying productive potential and at a time when inflationary pressures are still weak practically everywhere. They could all expand at minimal risk to inflation if only their leaders had the courage to do so. What the global economy needs is the eco-nomic equivalent of electric shock treatment. But if the rest of the world won't join in, then Europe should drop interest rates collectively with Germany - the country with most to gain - leading from the front. If Europe can prove to its critics that it can act decisively with unity of purpose now, it will do more to boost confidence in the flagging Europroject than all the gyrations pean around the Maastricht Treaty.

Umpiring the umpires

AIR play is one of the great sources of British national pride. Our justice is the best in the world, we still like to say, though the evidence for the claim gets more threadbare by the year and few of us have the faintest idea whether anyone else's justice is actually any better or worse. In the same vein we also pride ourselves on the probity of our public life, the incorruptible nature of our officials, our willingness to obey the rules and our respect for lawful authority.

These qualities and conceits all come together in our attitude to our sports umpires. Not far below the surface of our national skin is the suspicion that foreign umpires are not as fair, reliable or good as our own. Sometimes this belief in the unique qualities of the British whistle-blower can seem pretty unpleasant and racist. On other occasions it acquires a certain charm. Those whose memories go back to the 1974 World Cup Final between Beckenbauer's Germany and Cruyff's Holland may remember that British television coverage seemed to focus not on the brilliance of the game but on the achievements of the English referee Jack Taylor. Nowhere is this belief more deeply

embedded than in cricket. Given that the besetting problem of English cricket is the belief of those who play and adminis-ter it that they are engaged in something much more significant than a mere

game, this is not surprising. Since cricket supposedly embodies our national values, it is inevitable that we should believe that our umpires, like our judges, are beyond reproach.

Dickie Bird, who has stood as an umpire in a record 65 Test matches and whose retirement was announced this week, is a national figure in spite of himself. As England's senior umpire he occupies a position in the national mystique not dissimilar to that of the Lord Chief Justice, or would do so if he did not constantly give the impression that the part was being played by Norman Wisdom. Umpire Bird has skilfully rolled with the flow of the times, turning his job into the character role required by the television age and becoming the first umpire to write an autobiography, but it would be a mistake to imagine that he is without precedent. There was the formidable Umpire Syd Buller, he of the rolled up sleeves, the first umpire to receive an MBE and who died while umpiring at Edgbaston in 1970. Before him there was Umpire Frank Chester, whose loss of his right arm did not disable him from giving batsmen out promptly.

Cricket is no longer the means by which we bring our civilisation to the benighted colonials. So the world no longer accepts the belief, still secretly held wherever the Daily Telegraph is read, that ours are the only chaps you can trust to keep their heads in a crisis. The old days have gone and the role of senior umpire has passed to the television camera. There's a metaphor struggling to get through here. But we'll miss you, Dickie Bird, last of the breed.



them, because it would hamper the making of offers impossible to refuse, the scooping up of local partners, the scooping of Chinese rivals. It is a corrupt scramble of this kind, pulling Rong Kong into the wider struggles of a disturbed China, that Chris Patten has all along said it was critical to prevent. Greater democracy and genuine auton omy were, in his view, linked barriers against it, but Rifkind's trip is the final confir-mation that the Patten plan bas fallen short of its purpose Whether enough remains for Hong Kong to survive the tran sition in recognisable form is questionable. One estimate suggests that three million people, half of those living in Hong Kong, might be able to leave if they wished to. Some are expatriates, some are Hong Kong Chi-nese with the right of residence elsewhere, the bulk are Hong Kong families with close relatives in Canada, the United States, Australia and Britain. It is their decisions which matter now. If they begin to pull

out in large numbers during 1996, the Chinese will be to blame and the Hong Kong that they take over in 1997 will be a ow of its former self. Hong Kong people will be watching what decisions the Chinese make on questions like the right of residence abroad. That is vital because it is a kind of guarantee that free

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mean. Tony Blair's Big Idea of the stakeholder society doesn't sound much like any T THE risk of incurversion of socialism I have ring the displeasure of the sisterbood, this ever encountered. So John Major's attempt to portray it column feels bound to a mad lurch back into Labour's "bad old ways" looked pretty silly. Not quite express its muted approval of the recent ruling that so silly, however, as the Daily Telegraph's equal and oppo-site attempt on its front page only shortlists in winnable constituancies is illegal. No natter how high-minded the to label an article written by intention — ie, to get a fairer representation of women in Mr Blair as a bid to be the true inheritor of Thatcherism Parliament — it was an obvi-Luckily, the article had

succesful man in each case would be the one who got more votes than any other man, while the successful woman would be one with more votes then any other woman. All electors would be able to vote for one candidate of each sex. Simple, isn't it? But I don't suppose it will happen. And even if it does, the next prob-lem would be finding enough women willing to take up such a weird profession as politics. Most of them have more



At the dragon's mercy

The Chinese have Hong Kong's future in their grasp. But, argues MARTIN WOOLLACOTT, they could still scare away the people that matter and destroy the economy. Illustration by PETER TILL

IVE it back to the Chinese? Never heard anything more ridiculous in my life! That was the kind of colonially choleric reaction which the idea of restoring Hong Kong to China evoked on the terrace of the Repulse Bay Hotel when it first became a public issue in the early seventies. There, looking down on the waters where British warships first anchored, some found it impossible to contemplate such a reversal of fortunes.

But, as time went on, most people agreed that the new idea had one great merit. It aimed at the same object as the policy of staying-on would

have done — the continuation of a somewhat separate, Western-connected Hong Kong --but, because it conceded Chinese sovereignty, it would, supposedly, allow the process of reversion to be controlled. It ruled out other, perhaps farfetched, but nevertheless chilling scenarios: an invasion by the People's Liberation Army. a siege, or riot and rebellion in Hong Kong itself. Resistance to such pressures had already been figurative rather than real — even in the fifties, when Britain maintained a division in Hong Kong. Later, with a vastly-di-minished garrison, it became :

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has got nothing out of the Chinese on Hong Kong except promises to unblock one infrastructural project. No amount of pleasant pat-Hong Kong back, which led to Margaret Thatcher, not ep-tirely convinced, and Deng ter after meetings can conceal the fact that the Chinese have moved not one inch on their plan to dismantle the Hong Slaoping, not entirely certain of Britain's motives, signing their agreement. But, after Kong legislature, that they will Malcolm Rifkind's difficult continue to snub Patten, and week in China, it has to be said that the clever notion that that they will continue to gnore the most important political forces in the territory. This became clear with the Britain and Hong Kong could control the integration of the publication in December of the names of those who will serve on the new 150-strong preparatory committee. They include not a single member of the Democracy Party, Hong Kong's largest party, and only 14 members of the existing

legislature. This was an outrageous decision, proof of China's pre-occupation with establishing dominance. If you rebel, you will be punished, no matter how many votes you got or

Indeed, the very act of trying to hold it against the Chinese would signal the end of Hong which Hong Kong begins to die. Britain can do very little much else of what the Chine are doing in Hong Kong, the smell of a deal between local about it. In Beijing, Mr Rifkind capitalists and big Chinese operators in the Party, the minis tries, the regional government, and the armed forces. This is the kind of power play the Chinese understand that between institutional heavyweights looking for part

of any action that is going. And, in this play, local tycoon as well as a few local politi-cians effective in "leading" public opinion, have their parts. There are not just two sides in the Hong Kong problem. Hong Kong itself is, of course, divided. But it is more important to understand that converging on Hong Kong from the Chinese side are a host of Chinese actors, sometimes rivals and sometimes allies, covetous of the territo ry's riches, looking for their share and anxious to deny shares to others, and seeing Hong Kong as a new square on the all-China political chequer board. True autonomy worries

But, in an interview last

dual citizenship, so inconve-nient when you want to do something like, say, arrest somebody. They will be waiting for a decision on the next chief exec-utive to see whether he is a serious person or a yes man. And they will be watching the more informal advance of Chinese agencies, behind their various business fronts, in Hong Kong to see whether they play by the rules or begin to cheat and use muscle. Only a few Hong Kong people will make their decisions about staying or leaving on the basis of democratic ideals. But they will make them on the basis of whether Hong Kong is going to be a reasonable place to live and do business in, or a cockpit of con tending Chinese interests under the thin cover of a sham Larry Yung, the head of a major Chinese-controlled investment corporation, who has been in Hong Kong since

involves a major change in electoral law, but that should 1978, may have gone native, or may be playing a long game. be no deterrent to New Labour, Tony Blair is already pledged to sweeping month, he put the problem suc-cinctly. "The general think-ing," he said, "is that if China allows" interference in Hong Kong, "then investment will be down confidence will be lost constitutional reforms. So I suggest that a Blair government should redraw contituency boundaries so as to halve the number of parliadown, confidence will be lost, and Hong Kong will go down." Is anybody in Beijing listening? nentary seats, and decree that each would henceforth be represented by one male MP and one female MP. The

ous infringement of the rights of individual men in favour of en written for t Telegraph, and it appeared in the collective rights of women. full on an inside page. Readers What's more, the experi-ence of hawking yourself were therefore able to examine the text in detail, so as to unsuccessfully round dozens establish the truth or falseof constituency selections is by no means confined to hood of the front page headline. women aspirants. You only After three readings, I need to read Roy Hattersley's

couldn't detect the slightest evidence for the Telegraph's claim. Yet the front page ersion was taken up by the BBC's Today programme, and formed the basis for endless But there is no denying that there is a prejudice against women in the grass roots of both parties, or that the membreakfast-time argy-bargy with people like Michael Howard. grossly and damagingly distorted. Correcting this dis-

Next day, the Telegraph was stravagantly praising Lady Thatcher for her mischievous Reith Joseph lecture. Which, if they really believe what they said about him, must mean they also approve of a "Thatcherite" Blair. Meanwhile, it's just as well Mr Blair wrote an article for to be debarred from exercising the Telegraph, instead of making a speech. At least they printed it.

> THE BBC claims to go to enormous lengths to get its pronunciation right. So why does virtually everyone at the corporation mispronounce the European measure of distance? Even quite grand newsreaders now say kil-OMmetre, emphasising the second syllable instead of the first

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territory looks even more ragged than it has done since Chris Patten's reforms first enraged Beijing three and a half years ago. Indeed, it is not so much ragged as gone with the wind. The Chinese are in command and they are quite capable of steering Hong Kong into disaster. Impervious to argument, unfamiliar with the very concept of compromise. joke. Hong Kong could never be held, that was certain. ever on the lookout for ways to signal their total power over lor, Lord Mackay of Clash-fern, and his social security

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Why had we been such fools stoke to him he stert/ And as to let her go? There's a simple answer: smate the geant unto the hert" (14th century.) A her party let her go (ie lary definition is "to booted her out) because she knew this, and revelled in seeing John Major effectively stabbed. Such people were deeply stirred, most of all when she said that the middle class, and those who costs soaring way out of aspire to join the middle tax. In electoral terms longer have the incentives and opportunities they expect from a Conservative Sethin, it had to be her.

The dream of a sometime return from the dead, which found himself feeling a smidgeon sorry for Dr Brian Mawhinney. More and more, the precedents

less to political history than to Greek tragedy. The role of the Stoker, especially so apparently set on contriving the doom of her political son and heir. Recalling that Medea did away with two (at least) of her sons, Smallweed yesterday turned for guidance to the Department of Medea Studies at the University of Grantham. They demorred at this comparison. Look rather, they said, at the story of Thetis — like Thatcher, a goddess who married a mortal. She required her sons to be immortal, like her. So she thrust them into the fire; where they all died, apart from Achilles, whose defences she was said to have strengthened by smothering him in ambrosia. Uncon firmed reports say that both Newt Redwood and Newt Portillo turned up on the Stoker's doorstep yesterday morning equipped with

vast vats of ambrosia, £5 will be paid for any reliable sightings used in this column.

Times Profile service OME ANALYSTS arlogged 13 stories referring S gued yesterday that the Lady's reference to to stakeholders in selected British newspapers in Octo-ber; 23 in November; 35 in stoking bad some subliminal link with the Labour December: but a whopping 78 in the first 12 days of this party's new-found interest in stakeholding. As often year. I think this probably qualifies as an epidemic. Even that, though, is vastly with New Labour, the term is a little ambiguous, but preferable to the present appears originally to have had something to do with epidemic of "in your face" experiences which now litter the prints, as in "the inyour-face violence" of Sir Harrison Birtwistle's Panic, referred to in yester-Scott). Other definitions include "the see of a Mormon day's Guardian. bishop", and "a small anvil used by metal workers, es-C MALLWRED once S shared an office with reporters from the pecially one with a tang for neither, I understand, quite Mail, who used to inquire of catches the essence of what

the news desk before they Tony Blair has in mind. embarked on a story: That Stake-holding's catch-'What's our angle on this?" ing on, however, is clear **Tve been wondering this**

week what their angle would be on Hell. Given their constant warfare on trendy clerics, and their plangent appeals for a national return to old-time religion, you'd expect them to be all for it. On the other hand, there may be those on the Mail who sometimes fail to honour all 10 commandments; especially, perhaps — even, it's said, at the very highest levels of the organisation — number seven.

We have yet, since the appearance of the new Church of England report, to be given an unambiguous editorial lead. But I note that the concept of Hell as eternal punishment was power-fully endorsed yesterday by one of their visiting moral-ists, the novelist Piers Paul Read. Meanwhile, watch out for augmented coverage of these matters. I'm told they're thinking of despatching a staff correspondent.

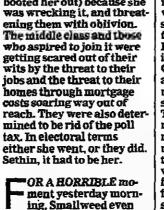
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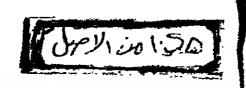
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EEING the Place de la Bastille packed with people mourning François Mitterrand this week it was difficult not to wonder whether the passing of any British politician could ever command an equiv alent popular response here. Certainly when Harold Wilson died last year there were no crowds. Wilson was a figure from the past, you may say. And yet even if John Major suddenly passed away this weekend it is hard to believe that Trafalgar Square would fill with shocked and tearful citizens either. The big test of this tasteless

speculation, of course, concerns the likely popular response in the event of the death of Margaret Thatcher. Génération Mitterrand turned out in force to honour their longtime leader. But would Thatcher's Children do likewise for the lady? I very much

doubt it. The problem with having few friends, relatives or acquaintances who have ever had a good word to say about Margaret Thatcher, is that it is hard to know how far anyone else still takes her seri-ously. My overwhelming instinct, however, is that apart from the immediate circle of sycophants not many people have done so for a long time. This may say something about the British and their indifference to politicians in general. But it also says some thing about the particular credibility gap of the woman whose undimmed vanity and self-delusions were paraded for all to see on Thursday.

From the moment she became leader of the Conservative Party. Thatcher's leadership was inebriated by the myth of her popularity. I don't deny that she won elections, o course, nor that she was and is adored by the Thatcherites. But her mass popularity was always exaggerated. Remem-ber that she never won the The best she managed was 43.9 per cent in 1979 and she never increased that share. "Maggie-mania" was an invention of the image-makers and mar-keted by the tabloid press. Those who would connect with her legacy would do well to remember that. None of this is to deny the obvious — that Thatcher touched important popular nerves and attained a position of rare eminence in British political life. She certainly did both these things. But for all her genuine ascendancy, Thatcher herself was never loved and followed in quite the way that she and her myth-makers would like us to believe. Indeed she was sustained in power not by the people but by a set of British political institutions and traditions which are the oppo site of populist. In any case, she certainly isn't loved and followed today that's for sure. But it is equally clear that she thinks she is. Her speech on Thursday was written by the sycophants and addressed to the sycophants, though I m certain she believed that it spoke for the people to the people. It was political fantasy land, pure Sunset Boulevard, with Margaret Thatcher in her final role as grotesque deluded Norma Desmond. From her party's point of view it was an unforgiveable thing to do. It marked, I

believe, a point of no return in the modern decline of the Tory party. It does so because on Thursday Thatcher needlessly faced the party with a no-win alternative. Either it could adopt her radical agenda, in which case the Tories would move so far to the right that they may as well concede the election to Tony Blair imme-diately. Or it could reject it, in which case the ensuing Tory internal arguments would also hand the election to Blair.

I have said it was unforgiveable and needless. And yet it was also psychologically inevitable. The Thatcher legacv and myth are so potent within the Conservative Party, and she herself is so sure of her own lasting importance, she was bound to con-front the party with its failure to live up to her, even though in doing so she can do nothing but damage. Now she has done it, by defining a right-wing agenda which will split the Tories in two by denying the most basic traditional pur-Until now all Conservatives have always seen themselves

as the party of the nation in the fullest possible sense — both as defenders of the nation in the world and as the embodiment of the whole nation to itself. Even the most radical thinkers of the

Thatcher years always contin-ued to believe they were en-gaged in a One Nation project, however perverse this increasingly appeared to out-siders. Geoffrey Howe went on the World At One yesterday to defend the Thatcher years against Thatcher's speech in exactly these terms.

Yet on Thursday Thatcher herself cavalierly spurned the whole idea of One Nation. She did so because of two obsessions which she seems unable and unwilling to restrain. The first is her now uncontrolled hostility to the role of the state, presumably drawn from

many expensive dinners with the American new right, and summed up in her view that "the very existence of the state with its huge capacity for

evil, is a potential threat to all the moral, cultural, social and economic benefits of freedom". The second is her familiar consuming hostility to Europe and her belief, as she

put it in the speech, that pro-Europe One Nation Tories are really "No Nation Tories". 'My getaway car's been outside with the engine running for two hours." he said, eyeing OR any Conservative other side of the pool table. The central command of Roysleader, especially one of ber generation, to decry ton Women Against Pit Clo-One Nation Conservasures (still meeting every Sun-day night 12 years after The tism as sweepingly and as illogically as this is extraordi-Strike) kept flicking him nary. It emphasises and accentuates the party's div-isions as well as offending lances and arms. Then the lights went down and the first hairy navels of Ken's Bare Necessities shimpublic opinion at a time when, mied across the pub's TV, the volume roaring because min-ers go deaf after 25 years of pit according to the latest Gallup poll yesterday, the party is even more unpopular than are credit enough to South Yorkshire physique, but the ever. It is a gift to Labour, whose claims to be the real machinery. Sceptical faces turned intent at the familiar landscape of brick terraces One Nation party are inreal star is the coalfield's stantly strengthened in ways no amount of Tony Blair and winding gear. There were chuckles. Then bellows as the rock-like friendliness. Every one, almost, keeps an affec-TV pitmen and their plaintionate eye on everyone else back, and not just because so speeches could hope to achieve. spoken. Woman dancing Thatcher has now adopted a teacher joshed one another in many of the lads haven 't got position so far to the right that the fictional Miners' Welfare. their clothes on. "They're laughing, they're laughing, thank God," whis-pered Ken, sinking into his John Major had no hesitation to break communities, to make it each for themselves, in denouncing it from the heart yesterday. She poses a more difficult dilemma for the d wall seat. "I don't aid June Greensill, think I'm bothered about Tory right, and Thatcher may enthroned with the women's have raised questions which what anyone else thinks now will eventually divide a more sceptical Peter Lilley from the more committed John Redoffering pie and peas for a pound. "Well, she didn't suc-Just as long as I haven't let these people down." What everyone else thinks ceed with us and that shows in will be clearer after 9pm the film. It was very funny, not wood and Michael Portillo. tonight, when ITV screens the But the gulf between Thatsmutty, very good. cherism and the Labour Party is now cavernous. They speak extraordinary story, bunged into the schedules in a typical One of the worst turns done to the pit communities was the for two separate nations rv-exec rush to counter the marling, ferocious image Saturday night successes of given by televised anger on tween whom there is no interthe BBC. The decision was so the picket lines plus Arthur's course and no sympathy" as Disraeli put it in the passage in Sybil from which the whole rapid that it missed the north-ern editions of the TV Times. tendency to get carried away in front of a mike. As a result, As for letting the pit villages down well, something outsiders might not dare go into a pit village pub like The One Nation idea derives. The wreck of the Conservative Ship, but they would be genu-inely welcomed if they did. Party is trapped in the middle, impressive has happened in Thatcher's memorial, Blakeson's experienced hands. The bottoms and bits Maybe the miners' mix of unmourned.

What an eyeful . . . wives of former Royston miners give the Bare Necessities their approval after a preview of the ITV drama in the village pub

You can't strip the spirit

The pit village that inspired the Chippendale miners is just bargemen's horses couldn't as robust as its TV portrayal, says MARTIN WAINWRIGHT

T SOUNDED gruesomely patronising on the face of it, not to say gross — a TV "comedy" about York-shire miners setting up as a male stripping combo. all postog pouches and giggles. No wonder that writer Ken

Blakeson was wishing he was anywhere but the smoky bar of the Ship Hotel, Barnaley, dangerously close to a table of muscular, unemployed faceworkers from the axed mine at Royston Drift.

get under the new bridge they built, and me and Tony Hill

used to ride them round. Isn't that right Tony? An answering grunt from the men's tables. Typically, the two schoolfriends of 40 years ago are still here. Keith remembers: "My Mum used to come to this pub as a cleaner. And I remember my Dad sitting doing the union subs in the corner over there. When I lost my mining job, when Royston Drift shut down in 1989, Susan and I sold our house and took on the Rising Sun at Darfield. (A village only seven miles away, although Keith had a way of making it sound a lot further). We were really pleased when

pletely outlandish. Ex-miner Les Nield has turned the old Methodist chapel over to aerobics (Royston Health and Body Studios) and another former pitman has started a second

work-out place. The women, meanwhile, maintain their long tradition of hunting out jobs beyond the local Lyon's cake factory whose products formed a leg-endary part of the 1984/5 strike. Like all local employers apart from British Coal. the plant did its semi-official best for the embattled communities, "I'll never, never, says Yvonne Day, clutching her stomach, "eat another chocolate cup cake again.' But the economic situation, which ultimately guarantees the sense of community and everything else, is still grim

Life in the raw . . . the fictional out-of-work miners turned strippers

Geordie, Irish, Scottish. county Durham and God knows what other family roots softens Yorkshire's famous, monosyllabic grumpiness. But the "Raggy-lads" "That's what you're called if you're from Royston," explains June's ex-miner hus-"Margaret Thatcher set out band Trevor — don't hold this sentimental view themselves. "It's only what life is really like in most places, in spite of everything the Tories say committee under a blackboard about getting what you can, said another of the men's group (the two sexes sit firmly apart, but within mutual goading range). "Look at Coronation Street and all the

other scaps — it's about a com munity every time." Blakeson, who did five ears on the Street, had the instinct instilled in him young, when he grew up in rural Kirk Deighton. North Yorkshire, where his mother had gone into service from family roots in the Durham coalfield. "We used to go for our holidays back to my aun-

tle in this village called Water houses. I was fascinated by miners and the strength of the community. When I got to Sons and Lovers at school, 1 remember thinking: 'Hey, I know what this is about." The Ship's landlord Keith Stevenson is another archetypal community man. An ex-miner like all the other men (only three of the film's audi-ence have family still working in the pits), he breathes Royston in, along with the coaley air from the coking plant which billows out smoke and dust just along Midland Road

"Here's my daughter Lind-say. She was 10 then, sitting on the banner when we marched back to work in 1985," he says, pointing to a big photograph by the bar, with himself as an NUM official striding in the front row. "And here," ---- an older, sepia photo on the way to the toilets — "here's why The Ship's pub sign is a barge The canal to Barnsley was right outside, where you went over that steep bit of road com-

this came vacant. It was nice to come home." Richard Budge's miners on

Staying put, and sheltering their £40,000 wages don't live in the warmth of the commuhere any more. Neighbouring nity, is the great problem now Orimethorpe, a cul-de-sac - and the nub of Bare Necessi-ties, with its theme of the mincommunity with next-to-nothing beyond coal, has virtually imploded in crime and ers creating work, any work. however bizarre, to stay in their beloved "Debbington" despair. Neil Butterfield says: "Ten years ago, you could lit-erally go to sleep here with On the walls by Keith's photos are some excellent, framed pencil drawings signed "N **Butterfield''**. N Butterfield Neil to everyone in the pub has had a typical CV since his electrician's job went when

the Drift closed. "We sold the drawings all over the place to raise money for the strike," says Neil's Wife Madeline, a pillar of the Women's Support Group. "But when the pit shut, he had to look around for something regular. He ended up at Lofthouses in Wakefield who did the meat for Asda, before they shut down too. One day he was an electrician, the next a butcher. They can do any-thing, can these men." That is another central theme of Bare Necessities. Under the strict rule of the

gym instructor, Dawn (repre sentative of a local matriarchy going back long good." says the film's young maneater, ambushing the strippers' schoolboy member with his homework in the before women's support groups), the ex-miners treat stripping as a skilled job, essential to self-esteem and only to be done well, if at all. street. "Yes, it's about miners," says the lad earnestly. "Oh." she says, exaspered. "Bloody hell." Royston has its evidence, too, that these further shores of redeployment are not com-

your back door open. Not now. There's so much unemployment that some can't resist turning to crime." At Royston's central roundabout, a dubious trio of Youngsters swigging a shared bottle looks — possibly wrongly — like representa-tives of that new order. But the community will give them a light. The survival of the women's group, now fundraising for good causes like Royston Comprehensive (which sent the Greensills' daughter Julie to Newcastle University, a doctorate and now work as a virologist). is part of a rich vein of self-belp And there's plenty of that symptom of sound communal health, a witty self-deprecat-ing humour, which makes tonight's film anything but a preachy tract. "Sons and Lovers, mmmm, sounds

Like many journalists, John Hockenberry has reported on wars around the world. Unlike the rest, he's in a wheelchair. MAGGIE O'KANE reports

The battle for a second life

HEN John Hockenberry rolled out of the lift of one of the most gloomy hotels

in the world, the Intercontinental in Bucharest, the blood of Nicolae and Elena Ceausescu was still drying after their farmyard execu-tion. It was Christmas 1990 and the secret police were scurrying for their lives in the secret tunnels of an insane

city. Hockenherry was one of the first journalists to make it to the capital when the dying regime was thrashing around during its dangerous last hours. He was wearing beige kid gloves to protect his hands and was in a wheelchair. It seemed rude to ask.

A year later, as the begging hordes of the press marshalled outside the Iraqi embassy in Amman, offering their body and soul for an entry visa for the Big War, Hockenberry was the Big War, Hockenbarry was 38, is a correspondent for NBC there again. The Iraqis, ignor- television; presents a radio

ing the pleas of the beautiful local women employed by US television networks to extrac visas from the corrupt Mr Ad-nan, lifted Hockenberry, bab-

bling good-naturedly in crooked Arabic, above the heads of the grumpy press and into the embassy. One advantage to being what Hockenberry calls a "crip" in his first book, Declarations Of Independence, launched in London this week. In the slimy business of getting a visa, the Iragis never thought to ques-tion John Hockenberry's tale of losing his legs in Vietnam

as a boy of 15. John Hockenberry is a paraplegic. Just below his nip-ples his body packed in, after a car accident, almost 20 years ago. He has been Middle East correspondent for National Public Radio, covered wars and revolutions all over the world and now, at the age of

show; is working on a second book and next month his first one-man show on the Gulf War opens in New York. He has covered the Ayatollah's funeral, where he was pushed through the crowd in his wheelchair by a friendly Iranian chanting: "Death to all Americans". He was in Kurdistan, where "prone and unable to walk, on the bank of an unswimmable river, lost in a crowd of 100,000 refugees, he thought he had a decent excuse to miss his deadline. He didn't in the end, because four Kurds carried him across a crumbling footbridge to a car

that eventually led to a phone. John Hockenbury's life is the classic fable of triumph over adversity but his book escapes the cliches because of its honesty and brutal irreverence, Above all Hockenberry is irreverent about himself. When Hockenberry was 19 he went on a hitch-hiking trip from Chicago to Massachu-

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setts with his guitar and his friend Rick. They were picked up by Peggy Zinn, a student on er way to New York. Peggy fell asleep at the wheel and the car sailed off the mountain and into the gorge cutting into Hockenberry's spinal cord as it hit ground. He was pulled out through the rear window "like a baby from the womb". His second life began. He started angry. Woken in the morning in hospital, only his head moved. In the next bed was Roger. He was dressed first because he took the most time to be washed, fed and have his batteries plugged in. Roger would crash his heavy electric chair into my bedside rail. I would drag my whole body upright and blink at him. He was always perfectly groomed and dressed in the morning, like a doll from a horror movie. There was a nine and half inch difference from where his spine was broken and where mine was in-

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Never missed a deadline . . .

ured. The distance in our lives could not be measured. Roger went off to live in a nursing home."

Hockenberry began battling a few days after his accident. "Nurse O'Leary arrived with the K-Y jelly. She whipped the

sheet back and jammed a long rubber tube inside me. I knew there was only one place where she could have put it but I couldn't feel a thing. My forforn little appendage looked like something that had escaped from the circus. The Amazing Hose Swallowing Penis. Suddenly a yellow fluid began pouring from the tube into the steel bowl. How am I doing that,' I wasn't pushing out. The nurse took her eyes off the business for an instant and said, "Poke a hole in a bag of urine and it drains, honey." Hockenberry's battle since has been to be allowed to patrol his own. His problem now

His career began as a radio journalist on the telephone. Washington took his radio months, not knowing that he missed his first deadline in 12 years (a volcanic eruption) he confessed that he was in a wheelchair and hadn't been able to get it into the phone box. They forgave him and

His first marriage ended after seven years, when he left for Chicago. Hockenberry married again five months ago and now lives with his wife Alison in Manhatten. "I suppose being a journal-

ist was a way of proving some-thing but now it's gone past that. It's insulting for me to turn up in in northern Iraq, where all these people are dying and say: "Look at what I'm doing in a wheelchair. 1 understood then that you had better have a good reason to go to these places, otherwise you

are insulting people." It's hard to anger Hocken-berry. He is used to the type who stare at his useless legs in his summer shorts and then suddenly demand to know: "How come your muscles aren't shriveled?" These unin-vited intrusions inspire his own musings: "Hi, I notice you've been out jogging, and I'm wondering if you are developing a red chafing rash

along your groin." When the treasured Iraqi visa came through his joy was shortlived. A call came through from the Washington editor. "She never mentioned the

wheelchair once, as though afraid to mention the name of a relative who had just died." His chief had called the chiefs of CNN, NBC and the BBC networks still in Baghdad. They warned National Public Radio not to let Hockenberry go. "She said they thought it was too dangerous for me." Before the tears came, Hockenberry's mind drifted back to the mud in Romania, the bullets, the gasoline bombs blazing in Gaza. "All along, I had wanted their unhesitating confidence.

In a moment I realised that it was probably unobtainable. John Hockenberry continues to fight his biggest battles at home.

"I don't give a shit now about the hack in the wheelchair stuff. I'm always going to get asked those questions and have someone saying hey. he's just like someone who can walk, I can't walk and I think I'd probably be a pretty boring guy if I could."

Declarations of Independence by John Hockenberry is published by Viking/Penguin,

is not his legs but other people's minds. National Public Radio in reports from Oregan for CM HARDT was paralysed. When he

sent him to the Middle East.

16 LETTERS TO THE EDITOR Women MPs: Millennium PRODUCTIONS E the struggle continues

IANA MADDOCK'S holier-than-thou condemnation of the Labour Party's efforts to get more women into Parliament obscures the real issue of an inbuilt bias towards men in selection of candidates by individual constituencies, especially where the seat is winnable (Letters, January 10). In a high proportion of cases, selection turns on ability to build local power bases rather

than democracy and merit. Labour did take legal advice before implementing the decision, and I wonder if the recent Industrial Tribunal would have taken a different view if it had been made up of women. It can be argued that being a candidate is not a job as such, and the selection is of the candidate. Similarly, Labour might be seen to be offering, say, 100 possible jobs as MP, and taking on 50 men and 50 women --equal opportunity, not sex discrimination.

It is sad that a radical attempt to redress the abysmal dearth of women MPs may have been scuppered because some men need to cling to their local power bases rather than take their chances in other available seats, as women usu ally have to do. Lynne Armstrong Labour Prospective Parliamentary Candidate, Havant, Portsmouth PO3 5PN.

OUR report is wrong to state that an all-women shortlist was "imposed by Walworth Road" on Keichley (Court losers upset shortlist losers, January 9). The decision to put Keighley forward was made quite properly by a majority of the constituency's executive officers (of whom I was one). An appeal must surely succeed or the Act be reworded so that its authors' intentions cannot be frustrated by reactionary mischiefmakers. Jan William. Riversdale. Ferncliffe Drive, Keighley, W Yorks BD20 6HN.

OMEN had to struggle V to get the vote and now have to fight to be taken seriously in politics. Can anyone argue that it is fair for there to be 9 per cent women

WE ARE worried about Kate Aldridge in The Archers on Radio 4. She was Thus, by default, The Archers is promoting the act of taking an overdose as a potential sofound comatose following an lution to the problems of grow overdose of tablets, hospitaling up. It is a shame that an oppor ised and subsequently diacharged. Now there appears to tunity to be educative on the he collusive denial about the important matter of teenage seriousness of her actions self-harm is being wasted. amongst her family and the (Dr) Nick Goddard. village. Unfortunately the story-line Child Psychiatrist. Dee Taylor. so far has resulted in in-Social Worker in Child Psychiatry. creased attention for Kate. with little thought given to the Belgrave Department of Child & Family Psychiatry. Kings College Hospital, London SE5 9RS. potential lethality of her actions or alternative strategies of coping with stress.

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Psychiatrists target The Archers

MPs when women make up more than 50 per cent of the population? Would attacks on one parents have occurred to such an extent if there were more women in Parliament? Would there be such barbaric penal policies in respect of women in prison giving birth if there was a stronger representation by women in politics?

One of the main barriers to women securing more seats in Parliament is the unfair electoral system and Labour has had to operate quotas in this system. Norway and Sweden have used quotas to increase the number of women MPs successfully within a list system of proportional representation. Sally Stepanian. Women's Officer, Labour Campaign for Electoral Reform. Gwenbrook Road, Chilwell, Nottingham.

OMMENDING the Leeds industrial tribunal's ruling, Ann Carlton called on the 34 candidates so far selected from womenonly shortlists to demand reelection on "a fair basis," add selection of "a fair basis," add ing that "I suspect most of them would have won any-way". Perhaps, but unfortu-nately the circumstantial evidence suggests otherwise. According to Waller and Criddle's recently published Almanac of British Politics, apart from the above 34, just two women Labour candidates had been selected up to Octo-ber 1995 in the 100 most marginal Conservative seats. They vere a former MP, Sylvia Heal, and party fundraiser and sartorial adviser, Barbara Pol-lett — compared to 16 men, a fraction which almost exactly matches that of existing women MPs. Chris Game School of Public Policy, The University of Birmingham, Edghaston, Birmingham B152TT.

G S HALL we now see a comparable roling that all-male shortlists are also Dr Hilary Gee. Lythwood Road,

landscape can be regarded as an archaeological palimpsest and so almost any development could be regarded as constituting "an assault on the archaeological fabric of

the nation". The idea that there is a fixed amount of archaeology gradu-ally being whittled away is a nonsense - archaeological survey is continually adding new sites and areas to the sum of archaeological knowledge and, in many cases, some of

these would actually have



Competing claims on a dig

EORGE MONBIOT'S ALTHOUGH much of what George Monbiot says is correct, Guardian readers srticle (A monumental mistake, January 10) was simplistic and glib. In a should not think that archa country with a very long his-tory of human settlement like ologists have been uncon-cerned about environmental issues. I myself will shortly be arguing at the Hastings By-pass public enquiry that the Britain, virtually the entire bypass should be stopped on archaeological grounds. However it is true that there are strong pressures prevent-ing the archaeological com-munity from speaking out. Those who work in the field are, as often as not, funded by developers — thus, when the eighties boom ended, hundreds of archaeologists be-

came redundant.

As contractors to develop-

guidance from DoE and EH says that there should always be a presumption for the preservation of "nationally" important archaeological remains. The actual practice s that such sites are offen de-

stroyed because they are found too late in the develop ment process. In this respect the Westhampnett site on the A27 near Chichester would be a case in point — during excavations just prior to the con-struction of the road, the ar-

theeological contractor found a Late fron Age cemetery which was arguably the most important ever found in Britain. By rights it should have been preserved but, given that the road was already under

a wildlife of spectacular blodiversity which inhabited a and scape from which trace of the earlier activities of our own species had largely been erased. We can still regenerat our depleted wildlife, but for the disappearing elements of the historic environment there is no second chance. Frances Griffith. Hon Secretary, Council for British Archaeology, Bowes Morrell House 111 Walmgate, York YO1 2UA

WITE there is a general awareness among the vot ing public that there is such a thing as the prehistoric and historic landscape, no politician is going to take archaeol-

Sanctions aren't working but the cure for Gulf War Syndrome is

THE people of Iraq have now suffered five years of sanc-tions as a means of bringing Saddam Hunseits into line 50.000 US veterans and as with UN directives (Leader, January 10). They have been starved on minimal rations; hospitals are desperately short of even the most basic equipment such as syringes and anaesthetics; the infant mortality rate is the highest in the world and the exchange rate of the Iraqi dinar, which was once equal to £2. is now exchanged at over 3,000 to II. With most salaries still measured in hundreds of dinars, most people have resorted to trading all their domestic goods for a little food

Despite all the predictions

Saddam Hussein is still firmly

in place. The Western powers

many as 3,000 British veterans of Operation Desart Storm have unknown debilitating, chronic illness, and they are very interested in finding out what is wrong with them and how it can be successfully treated. However, Dr Urnovitz did not find the cause or a potential treatment for GWL He contacted us and simply followed our published advice on GWI.Some of the patients that he reported on were patients that we had previously tested and were undergoing our suggested therapy. Our published study on 650 soldiers and their immediate family members who suffer from GWI indicates that these

veterans have chronic signs

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remained unknown without levelopment activities. If we were to take the Uto lan view of Monhiot and slop all degradation of the material evidence of nast human activity, one would have to proscribe just about every ground disturbance activity there is - including archaeology. Most professionals believe that, in a crowded island, a

sense of proportion is required --- after all what are archaeological remains for?

reinforced at enormous cost

Our lecturer took our accep-

Could word have got around

that money is being squan-dered on such whims which

could be better spent on the many, very low-paid

employees? William Wild. 2 Wychwood Way,

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tance of this for granted.

Material for helping us under stand better our remote past. or just a playground for alter native lifestylers to indulge in fantasy role play? Dr Colin Wells. Archaeological Unit. Lancaster University. Lancaster LA1 4YW.

rs, there are temptations to minimise the importance of what is found. It is, perhaps, no coincidence that one course in archaeology at the University of Bournemouth has been sponsored by the British Builders' Federation. To make matters worse, there Highfield. are now many "cowboy" archaeological contractors who will do the bidding of developers cheaply and with minimal "fuss" Similarly, English Heritage is a fairly weak advocate, no

doubt because it is funded by HMG. Nevertheless, and perhaps slightly contrary to George Monbiot's implication they have taken a strong line over Stonehenge and are in direct conflict with DoT/-Highways Agency. In point of fact, the policy

struction, the site had to ogy seriously. I complained t be hastily excavated and was an Archaeological Trust in subsequently destroyed. This Wales about serious erosion is, I suspect, a far from unto a Scheduled Ancient Monu usual occurrence. Dr Paul Graves-Brown. ment caused by motorbilte scrambling. They said they had received a number of com Dept of Psychology, plaints in the past but Cadw University of Southampton. had been slow to act. When I outhampton SO171BJ. OR the greater part of human history the landscape is the only document we have. The loss of its detail robs us of our own sense of place. Worse, it diminishes the opportunity of all future genera-

D J Chapman. Ranmore Lower Inhedce.

approached Cadw (the officia body responsible for its pro-tection) I was told that the nonument was on Crown Land and that the Crown were not interested in taking action. When Cadw approached the police they were told that the police were powerless to do anything. What some is there for archaeology should guarantee the sovereignty of Irao within its pres-**Cleobury Mortimer**, ent borders to forestall any Kidderminster DY148AH, break-up of the state which

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would precipitate long-term instability in the Middle East. Continuation of the sanc-**Chains shame** tions will not force Saddam to heel as he can survive indefi-WE HAVE come a long way from the situation four nitely on the limited trade

now operating across the bor ders with Jordan and Turkey but it will mean the deaths of thousands more innocent children. natal classes at the Whitting-ton Hospital to improve their Dr R Eccles. 48 Nicholson Webb Close, Danescourt. Cardiff CF5 2RL.

> YOUR report on Guif War Illness (GWI) (Cure claim for Gulf War Syndrome, January 3) indicates that Dr H Urnovitz "has found the cause and potential treatment of Gulf War Syndrome." Over

WHEN I gave birth to my daughter at the Whitting-ton Hospital, north London, in June last year I saw three pregnant women in hand-cuffs. (The shame I felt in chains, January 11). No regard was given to their obvsical or mental well-being by those who shackled them. It also had a knock-on effect for myself. My immense joy at the birth of my child was tempered by the knowledge that other women were being treated like cattle. What made it worse was that I witnessed at night the two prison officers accompanying each woman sleep on duty while the prisoner was expected to rest bound in chains. So much for security, Lorna Reid. Pitfield House Highbury Estate. London N5.

SEEM to have missed the headlines, to say nothing of your long accounts of the stress Annette and her hushand caused their victims. Perhaps you could remind us uplands. of their offences? A J WURS

Fyndoune, Name and address supplied. Hartside, Durham DH1.

have not provided either mune Dysfunction Symdrome moral or material support to CFIDS). The symptoms are any of the opposition groups aching joints, chronic fatigue, memory loss, sleep difficulin Iraq. Support of the Kurds in the north of Iraq would disties, beadaches, skin rashes, please our Nato ally, Turkey, diarrhoea, vision problems, and support for the Shia's in nausea, breathing problems the south would frighten our and others. oil-rich friends in the Gulf. The most common infection It is now time for the UN to found thus far has been an unlift the sanctions against Iraq usual micro-organism, Mycoand allow free sale of its oil plasma fermentans (incognieserves. This need not mean tus strain), found in the white opening the door for rearmablood cells of GWI patients. We ment of Iraq as an effective have found that about onearms embargo could prevent the sale of heavy weapons to Iraq. At the same time the UN

half of the GWI-CFIDS patients have this infection. and it can be successfuly treated with multiple courses of antibiotics, such as doxycyline, ciprofloxacin or azithro-mycin. Of 73 Gulf war veterans and their family members with GWI-CFIDS, 55 eventually recovered after several courses of antibiotics. Prof Garth L Nicolson. The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, 1515 Holcombe Boulevard. Houston, Texas 77030, United States.

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A Country Diary

MACHYNLLETH: If, all day Tuesday, I was deep in one of the greater conifer planta-tions hereabouts. It was because all day Monday it had rained. We may not always enjoy so much rain in one day but it is very good for waterfalls and on Tuesday that was what my walk was all about. I was a few miles north of Dolgellau in a district that, for 200 years, has been a Mecca for waterfall enthusiasts. Starting from a Forestry Commission picnic site. I was faced with the problem of finding my way to the falls. Had I been an 18th century visitor I would have hired a guide at the local inn. But on Tuesday all I had was a rather old map which was not going to be much help in getting me through the spruce jungle to where the River Mawddach comes cascading from the

It did not take me long to get completely lost among the evergreens and I was begin-

ning to feel like Livingstone trying to locate the source of the Nile when, to my great relief, I came up to a place where the trees had just been clear-felled, giving a huge prospect across to Cader Idris and round to the rocky heights of Rhinog and other summits which have not been visible from there for decades. But soon I was again lost among the spruce poles, pressing on blindly and with ever-diminishing hope of finding my waterfalls. There came a distant rumbling which I took to be thunder because the sky had now turned black. Then I realised that I was hearing the anger of a waterfall in spate and that, much more by luck than judgment. I had reached the Mawddach Falls. All that wasleft to do was to find a way back to my car in fading light

against deluges of rain. Yet somehow I managed even that, WILLIAM CONDRY

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Letters to the Editor may be

tions to explore their own history. In the wake of the Rio Declaration, much thought is given to the environment that should be handed down to our successors. It would be paradoxical if they were to inherit

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senior party officials.

This was clearly an attempt to

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saw Chinese orphans abused Act of mercy

NOT too long ago I attended a study day at Covent Gar-AST YEAR. while living in China's Shaanxi province, den of Katya Kabanov (A visited an orphanace over a period of four months and saw fright at the opera. January 11). We learnt that in order for devastating signs of maltreat-ment and neglect (Mystery of Trevor Nunn to have authenticity in one act with a real old the missing orphans, Janu wooden cart and a large old cart-horse, the stage had to be ary 10).

Within the four rooms (babies, toddlers, disabled, okler children) there was by specially made steel plates. nothing to play with and often no workers in evidence. There vere signs of malnutrition and of dehydration. Very young babies were only fed

with relish. Some of the toddlers had signs of rickets. A girl with intestinal worms was left lying in a pool of faeces and

unattended. The children had no clothing of their own. Clothes for boys and for girls were kept in one cupboard and boys might the heating was very poor, frostbite caused the toe of a four-year-old girl to fall off. Cuts and bruises suggested that there were spates of violence among the children or ing to the Church of England from the workers.

nent to inquire when this decievidence that systematic killsive event will occur? In 1.000 longer? I am anxious to know how long I shall have to wait to when senior party officials visited the orphanage, 13 infind out whether I qualify for eternal bliss or am to be confants died and some of the more severely disabled chilsigned forever to whatever is dren "disappeared". By the time of the visit, there were very few infants left in the

twice in 24 hours. On one occa sion, some of the older children discovered a scorpion which they divided up and ate serious potty sores were left.

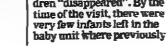
be given dresses or skirts to wear. This clothing was often insubstantial and during the freezing winter months, when There was overwhelming

ing did take place. In one week leading up to the festival lronically known as Children's Day

A SAN adoptive parent it is with some uncase that I see Chinese babies are again making the news as being available for adoption. I fully appreciate the plight of these children; and the good intentions of the majority of people who wish to adopt. However, anyone who thinks that "love is enough" in overcoming differences in race. culture or even class is naive. To write off the culture into which a child was born is to write off a central part of who they are. It requires an enormous amount of work to

provide such children with both an understanding of their birth culture, a sense of identity and self-esteem. Adopted children, no matter how badly treated by their birth parents, have extremely strong feelings of attachment la them. My own adopted son has had many difficulties in coming to terms with who he is and where he belones -- and

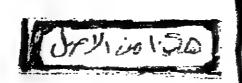
this has been without the added complication of race. There are lots of children here in Britain waiting for adoption. The majority are not babies --- and so perhaps are not so attractive a commodity. But adoption should not just be about fulfilling adult desires to have a baby, nor about romantic ideals of rescuing



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WAS interested in your Past Notes on counting sheep (January 9). My grandmother, who was born in the 1840s. used to recite: "Ane. tane, ethom, fethery, fip. deesey, do-sey, mesey, cosey, dick, leeco, seeco, coco, moco, bumpit." I suppose this goes back to ep counting in Yorkshire. Muriel Granger (aged 90). 138 Hampstead Way, So THERE is, after all, to be a Final Judgment, accord-



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Genes for sale – but whose DNA is it anyway?

Life is money. Or so it seems, as European and American researchers fight over patents for genes that may hold the key to the treatment of major diseases and thus be worth billions to the drug companies. TIM RADFORD reports

FLIFE is what you make of | tests. But the British scienit, then very shortly the fashionable thing to make of life will be money. Life is ordered by DNA, but the called Myriad.

research costs dollars and deutschmarks and, in the end. investors and taxpayers want their pound of flesh. The latest flurry in the whoowns-humanity show is about a gene called BRCA2. This is

responsible for about 1,800 of the 4,000 deaths from hereditary breast cancer in Britain each year, including, unusu-ally, about 100 men and researchers in the US and in Britain are caught up in a first. patent battle. The gene was found by the

Institute of Cancer Research in Sutton, Surrey, with money provided by the Cancer Research Campaign. The CRC has applied for patents on the gene, covering the future development of diagnostic

tists had originally been collaborating with a team from Utah who founded a company The partnership broke up when the Utah end of the alliance applied for a patent on the first breast cancer gene BRCA1 and the British scientists felt they should not. To make things even more con-fusing, the Utab team are trying to patent BRCA2 in the US. claiming that they found it. No. say the British

researchers, Sution got there So a clash was coming. But whose knowledge is it anyway? The race to decipher There was another problem. BRCA2's discoverer, Dr Mike the entire human blueprint two billion bits of DNA, 100,000 genes, and 10,000 genes implicated in human suffering involves universities, governments, charities and drug companies from 20 nations. working in co-operation.

was for afterwards. But soon ecame clear that whoever had knowledge could sit on it and have a head start when it came to cashing in. European scientists have one philosophy, and the European Patent Office has one set of rules. American scientists have nixed feelings, but the US bioechnology companies don't. and they have recourse to the US Patent Office, which has a different set of rules anyway.

Stratton, put it neatly at the time that the two teams found BRCA1. Patents are for inventions which are both useful and novel. "We do not believe pieces of the human genome are inventions. We feel it is a form of color isation to patent

When the race began, the posi-tion was clear: knowledge was for everybody, exploitation research partners. Nor was it shared, for instance, by Craig Venter of the US National Institutes of Health, who upset the research world earlier in the decade by trying to patent 35,000 lengths of DNA that could be used to "stick" to 35,000 genes and mark them for researchers. No one had a clue what these genes might do, but these special fragments would be part of the knowledge - and part of the exploitation. He joined a commercial company and now says that anyone who wants them for research can have them --- but if that researcher comes up with a test or treatment for a disease, money must be discussed.

Something like this was

coming anyway. The Imperial Cancer Research Fund — a

big player in the hunt for the entire human genetic code, and a player too in the hunt for both the BRCA1 and BRCA2 genes — doesn't squabble with the notion that someone, somewhere, must use the knowledge to devise therapies for inherited illnesses. A successful treatment could take 10 years and cost £400 million to develop. "If you want to get knowledge about a disease translated into benefits for people you have two options," said an ICRF spoke man. "One is a totalitarian state, and the other is a phar-maceutical industry. Which would you rather have?" Professor Gordon McVie of

the CRC says, "At the moment it is a mess. There seems to be no clear European position. There is a very clear Ameri-can position, there is no dispute about that. The question is whether homo sapiens is to

be an American property. The important. It now seems clear view of our patent advisers is that it could take years before that not just cystic fibrosis and Huntington's chorea but any of these patents go through all the legal procepropensities to most cancers, to stroke, to heart disease, even to athlete's foot, may dedures. In the meantime, they hope the European and Amer pend on the genetic package

ican views will be reconciled and there will be a world posieach of us is born with. The research is not even primarily tion on who owns the human about money. It is about suffering. It began because scientists wanted to do something to There needs to be. Biotech-

nological life — sheep with human hormones, pigs with human-compatible hearts, cotton which will survive elp families who suffered from hereditary diseases. But that meant basic research. weedkiller sprays, supersal-mon, slow-ripening bananas, artificial human skin — is on the way. Billions have been and biology doesn't get more basic than the DNA code. Researchers everywhere began sharing the results, not invested, but so far almost the ust with each other, but with only fruit on the market is a tomato which ripens without anyone who asked. The knowledge was built, bottom going squishy. Everybody wants to know what the up, by people who weren't thinking of money. But drug ground rules should be. companies think of almost In the case of human genetic nothing else, which is why the research is heading for crisis. research, it is even more

Professor McVie thinks the answer will be provided by the politicians: "There is a view that all the genetic sequences should be made available as fast as possible and the patents people should set their mind to how they can still allow patenting of use of the equences.

This would give the commercial firms the incentive they needed. The breast cancer genes could turn out to be implicated in other cancers as well -- prostate, ocular melanoma etc. Megabucks beckon. Professor McVie and the Cancer Research Campaign are just as interested as Myriad in making money from the research. "The difference being that the money coming to the Cancer Research Cam paign goes straight back into science." he says. "That going to Myriad coes to its shareholders.

Alastair Little is the original celebrity chef. Last week saw the opening of the self-taught maestro's new London restaurant

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Cream of the chefs goes for cheap chic

HEFS. Pretty straightforward subjects, really. There is, you would have thought, little mystery about what they do. Chefs cook. They may also appear on TV, write recipe books, and take offence at diners who ask for ketchup but, most of all, they cook. Not any more. Before the revolution in British eating, chefs always cooked, doing it discreetly behind the kitchen's swing doors. Then, in the early eighties, a number of bright young cooks emerged from their kitchens in their offal-stained aprons to preach liberation from the hegemony of stuffy, grande cuisine. They so tingled our palates that we cried out for more and the new

chef-stars started to spread their influence, opening new restaurants alongside their original ones. And, since a chef cannot be in two kitchens at once, the word chef --- when applied to a celebrity chef has had to be redefined. A famous chef cooks, but not necessarily at the restaurant where you have gone to honour him. If a famous chef's "signature" dish appears on the menu, be warned: it may

well be a lithograph. Alastair Little is the original celebrity chef. When he opened Alastair Little's in Frith Street, Soho, in 1985, he was the first to put his own name above the door. With its

minimalist interior, and eclectic post-modern menu, it was a hit -- and widely copied. Now, Little has just opened his second restaurant, near where he lives, in Notting Hill Gate. It is a relatively modest expansion (Anthony Worrall Thompson has four restau-rants, at the last count) but only Little calls both restaurants after himself, which takes chutzpah. On the day of our meeting. Kirsten Bedersen, one of his

business partners and formerly his personal partner by whom he has two children, is also there. So too is Little's head chef, Toby Gush. A knife grinder wanders in looking for business. Little tells him he doesn't want his knives ground, thanks. The grinder presses him. "Do you use someone else then, or do you just not bother?"

It is like asking the Pope whether he bothers to pray. Little, everyone agrees, has had a huge influence on restaurants with his intellectually curious approach to food and his clean, precise style. He didn't get to be called the "Godfather of modern British cooking" for not bothering about his knives.

He does not look much like a chef. He is thin, 45, with a faint Lancashire accent, and reminiscent of Kenny Everett with his beard and high-pitched giggle. He has to manoeuvre himself into his seat with the

help of a walking stick after a fall down stairs last summer left him with a broken heel (which explains his absence from the kitchen for the past six months, although his crit-ics had been complaining of it wall before). He is a likeable and open character, free of the pretensions of some famous chefs. A self-taught cook, he was never formally apprenticed, which may help account for his reputation as a paragon among chef-bosses, in an in-dustry notorions for its brutal hierarchy and kitchen bollies. There is just one fly in the soup of staff relations. When his first cookbook, Keep It Simple, was published three years ago, Little was accused by his own head-chef, Juliet Peston, of plagiarising her recipes. She had been at Frith Street for seven years until being made redundant, shortly before the book came out. "My cooking is rarely ac-knowledged as having con-tributed to Alastair's success," she said at the time. "The professional whose

name is above the door gets the credit." "The spat over the book was unfortunate and not entirely fair," he says. "Juliet is a very talented cook and she had an input and I credited her in the introduction. But it's hard to say who was responsible for what. There was a deep-fried pigeon that went back and forth between us in about

... Anyway, it's all water under the bridge." Peston agrees, sort of. She's back working for Little at Frith Street, in command of the restaurant. "We get on really well," she says, "but this is my kitchen. I won't stay here on any other basis and he knows that." Though the place is still named after him. "It's the same throughout the profession," she says, "though I do think it is perhaps a mistake to call the new restaurant, Alastair Little." Unless Little plans to be full-time chef thers? "Doubt it," says Little. "I've got two kitch-ens to run." He pauses, to rede-fine the word "run". "Well, The got two chefs. Juliet is pretty well in charge at Frith Street. It's her food basically. And here I've got Toby Gush. He is the chef. I fancy doing the salud section or something." Otherwise, he says, hi role is supervisory. The new restaurant will offer a cheaper meal than at Frith Street — £20 for three

courses. The idea, says Little, is to provide simple, homely food (scallops with lentils, salt cod, crostini of lambs' brains "sod BSR," says Little.) The ides of the set-meal is also to inhibit customers from indulging in the increasingly common practice of eating tw starters. "I am fed up with ladies who pick, like a certain nrincess who orders two minds and a bottle of mineral water and the bill is something like 19."

His prices have had a certain notoriety. In the late eighties, his restaurant was renowned for what reviewers called a bold pricing policy. with meals costing from £40 a head. "We charged what we had to, to keep going. There were high overheads. And, I suppose, I had a bit of an inflated ego. People were saying the food was great. There just didn't seem to be anything Julist and I could not do."

Now, at Frith Street, the set price is £25, though with drink and coffee, it gets higher. "The average spend," says Little, "is about £38 which is fine."

seven different lacarpations (It's still a lot. How does he justify the price? *About 25 per cent of the net is wages. Your rent is about 10 per cent. The food and wine cost is 35 per cent. So that's 70 per cent. Then you have to take your money, pay for cleaning materials and so on. You probably make 8 to 10 per cent in a good year. I don't think that's a lot of profit." Little, the son of a naval offi-cer, was a child of the years BP (before polenta), when no one ever used the word foodie. His mother liked to experiment

with dishes discovered on holiday ("she would come back from Spain and make gazpacho --- probably the only one at the time in Lancashire") but he was most inspired, he says, "by greed and by realising that there must be something more than

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school food, which I couldn't stomach. By the age of 12, I was obsessed with what we were having for dinner." He studied archaeology and anthropology at Cambridge, though he spent his spare time with his Elizabeth David, making lavish dinners for his friends, the only student worrying about his yeal stock. After graduating, he flirted briefly with a career in film editing but his evening job as a waiter took over.

These were the days when the king-pins in the kitchens were twice his age, generally French and steeped in tradi-tion — including the dubious practice of recycling vegeta-bles from customers' plates or deep-frying rack of lamb when time was short. He shudders at

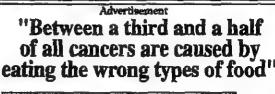
the memory. Little says he was intimidated by the head-chefs but he was ambitious enough, when working in a wine bar, to start making his own pates on the side and selling them back to the kitchen Finally after stints in the famous London kitchens of Zanzibar and L'Es cargot, he was given the finan-cial backing to open Alastair Little's in 1985.

Little says he is not an in-ventive cook. "I don't origi-nate. I was probably the first to think of little saucers of olive oil on the table but I got that from the Americans. If you originate, you're in trouble because there are only so many ways you can apply heat to food. If you start trying to be clever, you become silly un-less you're a genius, of which there are very few. I am just a reasonably intelligent cook

who likes to magpie." It's a modest summary from the celebrity chef. "Yes, I put my name above the door of the restaurant," he says shrugging, "it was an idea I copied from the French, who have always done it. It was partly ego, I suppose, but it was also a marketing tool ... It worked brilliantly because of the A: we were always first in the guides. But it also backfires on you because people expect you to be personally creating every single dish."

Isn't that a reasonable expectation? "Yes, it's natural, but it is also frustrating. At the moment, Marco (Pierre White) is being criticised for not being at The Canteen when he is cooking at The Res taurant. I figure you have to have four or five restaurants before it dawns on people that you are not personally cooking their meal, just as Vivienne Westwood doesn't ac-tually-make your frock."

Fair enough, though Little has done little to enlighten his customers. One wall of his new restaurant is stamped with his personal imprimatur: a giant, three-dimensional letter "A" cast in plaster, 10 feet high. "That's tongue in cheek," he says with a giggle, "We're waiting for the legpulling.





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Next month, what promises to be the exhibition of the year opens at the Tate. But what do people really think of Cézanne? Is he the father of modern art?

PATRICK HERON, artist

ENDLESSLY poring over very bad reproductions in Fry's great book on Cézanne, when I was 12 or 13, gave me the introduction. But it was the sudden visual confrontation with the reality that changed my world for ever and the reality was the Mont Sainte-Victoire which the Courtauld happened to be lending to the National Gallery one day in 1933 or 1934. From that moment on, the

dry, square-ended, hatched strokes of opaque or transpar ent oil colour, lying side by side in a sort of rhythmic strata right across the surface of the painting were, for my eyes, the absolute key to reality --- no matter what I looked

DAVID MELLOR MP

CEZANNE has been described as the "least understood, most maligned and least exhibited" of the Impressionists. Certainly it is extraordinary that it is 60 years since the last exhibition of his work on this scale.

Cézanne is the least com-fortable of the Impressionists, his works conveying little of the obvious hazy beauty of Monet and Renoir, who accordingly stand far higher in the esteem of a wider public. But to the connoisseur, Cézanne's sparer, more forth-

LIZ LOCHHEAD, poet

CEZANNE is probably one of the two greatest painters of his time. After him modern art took a fork. Cezanne initiated a focus on pure colour and paint itself, while Matisse introduced a more romantic gesture in art. Matisse was an architect with colour, a builder working with pigment. Whereas previously artists used pictures as a pane of glass, painting on to them,

MELVYN BRAGG, broadcaster

CEZANNE is a painter whose works I have sought out since first encountering them in Paris, where I was working for a couple of months in 1958. My loyalty and curiosity have never flagged, although my enthusiasm for several other Impressionists, whose works I also saw intensively at that time and since, are well

It is the reality of his work

at. Henceforth Cezanne's unbelievably rhythmic strokes xere everywhere. One did not have to travel

south to the limestone rocks and the pine branches of Proverice, whose bunched needles explode in Cézanne with the rhythms almost of moving smoke. No: the entire world was Cezanne -- elms in Hertfordshire; my mother's apples; my father's nose — every thing dissolved into those surfaces first imposed upon our senses by the Master of

It was not for another five years that the entirely differ-ent, yet profoundly related colour and brush movements of another genius edged Cezanne to one side for me. His name: Henri Matiase.

right technique makes him a more obvious pointer to what was to come, and a bridge be-tween Impressionism and the art of the 20th century hence the tag "the father of modern art". To me Cézanne's relative technical austerity gives a grave beauty and truthfulnes to his work which has rarely een surpassed and seldom equalled. I especially love Les Grandes Baigneuses, perhape ecause, as it is in the National Gallery, I am so familiar with it. I hope to make new discoveries at the

Cézanne built out from the

canvas. Cezanne was one of the abso lute greats — up there with the likes of Rembrandt, Giotto and co. He was a great Classical painter using sombre, abstract, platonic elements ar ranged inside the imaginary world of painting. Cezanne's conceptions were abstract and musical rather than human. So it is still relevant to refer to Cézanne, along with Matisse, as the father of modern art.

the conviction and passion of his struggle with Mont Sainteictoire, the early obstinacy of the naked or near-baked bodies. The worked through implicity is deeply satisfying He is committed to art and not to edifice.

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Whether he is the father of modern art or not I feel unqualified to judge. But he combines Classicism with Romantic expression and modern rawness in a configuration which appeals to me most out art over the past 100



Portrait Of A Man, 1866

NORMAN ROGENTRIAL tor of the Royal Acad

CEZANNE, the father of IN ALL forms of human enmodern art. I daresay this will be trotted out before any deavour, be it politics, science art or literature, there are cerappraisal of his work. Art, of course is far too heterotain individuals who stand as archetypes within their field. Their art represents both geneous to be ascribed to a single parent. Indeed, modera culmination and a new be-ginning. Cézanne is one such nity belongs to and is a product of popular culture and this

Cezanne is often identified

in the common mind as an-other, albeit important, Im-

just looking was an end in it-self. Cézanne's unique selling point was his vacillation; his way with paint simultaneously tentative yet pedantic, making hero of doubt. So when Cézanne is called father of modern art, what

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progeny did he spawn? Expre sionism? Futurism? Dada? Surreallism? No. if was Cubthe dull

LORD ARCHIER, nove

TO UNDERSTANU the world, you have to stop it. Seurat froze the visible scene at La Grande Jatte; Van Gogh and Gauguin began to dismantle it, colour for colour. Monet, even while he was still at Argenteuil, set about dismantling form. Tho is the father of the

tions such as: Is this great art? Am I a great artist? Will I be TRACEY EMIN, artist remembered when I die? Why am I misunderstood? These TO BE perfectly honest, I don't know that much about questions are how I understand/interpret the artist. If I Cézanne but a rough impression is nice pastel colours, am right then obviously Cévague and blurry French zanne has made some impreslandscapes, picnics, people sion on me — in my distant swimming, strapping young men — a bit on the camp side. oast_ interesting perspectives, pre-Cubist looking, with whack-ing great brushstrokes.

But the truth is I'm not interested in Cézanne or that period of French painting. What it has to offer is predomi-nantly male, boring and bourgeois. Visually Cézanne's work has no relevance to mine whatsoever.

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CEZANNE was the kind of artist you don't come across today. After years of rejection by the establishment, he held his first Paris one-man show at the age of 44, long after most modern-day artists would

A man of comfortable means. Cézanne spent most of his life traumatised by things

such as "the bowl of fruit, the

light on the leaves" and ques-

have given up hope. He opened up new ways to see the world, divided it up тал. One suspects that for Cezanne, Modernism, with its into its physical parts - light, shade, shape and colour - and laid the foundations for modplanes and forms and objects. meant that real life and other people's obsessions could be held infinitely at arm's length. ernism, abandoning any interest in the psychological or the

ity through visual acuity ----ANYONY GORALEY, scalptor his "petites sensations" -

THINK about how his work emerged from dark, oil-laden paintings full of sexual struggle and inner turmoil to about cones, spheres and cyl-inders, it is Cézanne's apprean engagement with light and how it penetrates form. And think about how his looking at things with light over time remains a kind of blessing on the whole development of 20th century western art. And how, without it, the current that nothing can ever be concern with duration in the (and many an English draughtsman to follow him) video works of Gary Hill and Bill Viola could not have hap wanted to fix things — but simply has to be felt. This is, pened. Then you begin to real ise how important Cézanne in the end, Cézanne's gift to still is. The sublimation of sexual-

LORD GOWRIE, obsirmen of ibe Aris Counci

CEZANNE is a painter you grow into, not out of. He changed the grammar of French painting. Given the influence of the French at the time, that meant changing the rammar of painting throughout the western Forld

He found that painting comething you saw before you every day - your wife's face, fruit on a kitchen table, a familiar view — was not so much a rendering of experience as a

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He changed the whole way

people looked at things. In abandoning all pretence of

ation of the observed world and indeed an addition to it. So his paintings are intensely three-dimensional. They look -- however delicate the hand-ling of light -- as if they would somehow be heavier to carry than other oil paintings. He trained when the neo-

classical tradition was riding high, though his own lean-ings were Baroque — he liked the decorative effect of bodies in motion.

He ended by giving everyday things the monumentality and the distance of classi-

utter solidity of the still lifes, years.

PETER HOWSON, artist

ILOVE Cézanne, Up until a couple of years ago, I had trouble appreciating the later landscapes because I thought they were unfinished and easy. I couldn't understand what all the fuse was about. Now I like them more and

I think I can see what he was trying to achieve — simplicity and honesty. What I admire most about him is the way he chose a theme and then exhausted it with many different versions. He became totally



Mont Sainte-Victoire Seen From Bibémus, c 1897

immersed. I particularly like the nudes in the landscape in later work and the way he merged content and echnique. Some of my favourite paintings are from the earliest period. There is a wonderful honesty about these paintings

more crucial early and later periods, he can be recognised as a unique analyser of percep tual reality. He strove with unbellevable intensity to mark down and capture in paint and of rape and murder. I have watercolour the fragmentary, never thought of Cézanne as being the "father of modern kaleidoscopic, transitory real ity that broke away from the art", I just think that he is a cademic descriptions of the world that had characterised great painter. My favourite painting is the early portrait of Achille Emperaire. It is all art in western Europe since naissance. beautiful, and shows that beauty is in everything.

Was he aware of the full im-plication of what he had achieved? It is hard to say. But that his art represents the new beginning from which — in spite of the invention of new media (photography, film and video performance) — we have

still not broken free, seems to

me self-evident.

I have two paintings which are my special favourites. They are both in the National Gallery, so I can look at them often. The first of these paintings is little known and hangs in the reserve collection. It is not even included in the exhibition in Paris or at the Tate. It is the early, for its time crazily expressionistic portrait of Cé-zanne's father in profile seated on a chair reading a news-paper. In 1862 Cézanne, aged 21, was already looking forward to Picasso, Matisse, Fran

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MARK WALLINGER, MICH

But the camera's refractive objectivity and its sheer repro-ducibility didn't (perhaps still doesn't) sit happily with a sionist and, particularly in his mid-career, he certainly was that. But arguably, in his patrician élite, whose role as dispensers and interpreters of cultural artefacts was threatned. Cézanne's interrogation of subjectivity was advanced against the voracious grasp of the camera and its one good

Cezanne's early paintings reveal him to be free from any discernible talent or facility but possessed of a luridimagin ation. Junking the weird stuff, he remvented painting as a ourney without end because



Apples And Oranges. c 1899

modern movement? All the all. If we buy into the kind of experts have different opinions.

taught as a student, this leads to abstraction which lands ulti-Who was the most radical mately to formalism's tautoin his experiments? I would ogical apogee: paint as paint. In any case, the history of nominate Cézanne, even though he was the most this century is far too messy for us to follow, untrammelle conservative of the rebels, for it was he who abolished this heritage trails back to Cézanne. The claims for inher shadows. He killed off 500 years of painting by light and shade. His skies, his still itance are a nostalgia for what might have been if art could lifes, his mountainsides, contain single blocks of colour. His square-adged evade the taint of political real ity. This is not his fault, of course, but it seems to me that this century has needed witbrush broke up the landscape into a patchwork of planes. ready for rebuilding by the nesses more than it has needed artists. The camera asserts what it has seen. The artists

Cubists. All who follow — Matisse, Modigliani, the Constructivists, Futurists, New York Expressionists owe something to Cézanne, and perhaps even Euston

Would I take him to my desert island? Yes - I would purloin the National Gallery's Forest Above Chateau Noir of 1900. Tall Trees At Jas De Bouffon of 1885. Mont Sainte-Victoire of 1904 (hanging in Tokyo), the 1906 portrait of the gardener Yallier at Les Lauves (finer than any Van Gogh). But I would not take the earlier, hard-edged portraits and still lifes. They may be easy to admire, but hard to love. Is he relevant in 1995? Art based on reality seemed to have come to a dead end by 1880. Cézanne found a wholly new direction for it.

carving, a sculpture in oil admiration for Poussin it was paint. what he wanted to do. And he This itself became an alterbrought it off.

ACK CUNNINGHAM, MF and reproducing the look of na-ture, he claimed he wanted to dow heritage minist recreate it instead by model-HAVE always enjoyed ling in colour rather than in Cezanne's paintings. His con-viction in the worth of his own light and shade.

izanne's real genius came in the later years when his work became more abstract. His break with the tradition of needing to represent subjects realistically was the major cat-alyst for the later, contemporary paintings.

The Cézanne exhibition opens at the Tate on February 8.



The high-flying doctors

flight to London, not realising she had a broken arm and a

Paula must have been numb

punctured lung, nor that

every bulkhead.

Buerk was lurking behind

Holy spirit-level

Radio

Lyn Gardner

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OD has not been hav-Ing a good time, what with the controversy over the ordination of women priests, the Nine O'Clock Service, Charles and Di and the Lottery. Now there's this hell business. God, it seems, is getting the boot as a celestial traffic warden and hell is not as hot as we previously thought. If he doesn't look sharp, God may find that heaven is all in the mind, too, and be forced to sleep rough in a doorway next to a couple of bishops who've been evicted from their palaces,

Yes, it's been a worrying time for God, although you'd hardly know it listening to radio's religious broadcasting

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output over the past week. There is an ineffable smugn about most religious broadcasting that's pretty off-putting for those not in the club. Worst offender is Premier Radio, the UK's only Christian commercial station, where the presen tation style is so relentlessly cheery that the broadcasters sound as if they're auditioning to be sunbeams for Jesus. Don Maclean on Good Morning Sunday (Radio 2) trickles over the airways like treacle, too. His interview last Sunday with George Carey,

noises. Apparently some evangelicals think this livens things up no end, but most of the church professionals interviewed on Sunday seem to feel that on such occasions the Holy Spirit should be treated like a gatecrasher and shown the door. The real difficulty for religious broadcasting is that It persists in trying to create a vision of a benign world where God is in his heaven presiding over one big happy family on

the Archbishop of Canterbury earth even when human nawas a model of Hello!-style journalism. The archbishop ture and the real world keep said how much he would love butting in. Just as Don Macto "see a place in all our cities lean and the Reverend Ann Easter were tutting over the evils of the Lottery and of-

where young people could go and feel embraced by the Christian service." This surfering up a prayer for the prised me. I thought there was It was in Sheffield, and it was newly rich, there was a break for the news bulletin which called the Nine O'Clock Serbegan by announcing the win-

vice. Presumably, the arch-

bishop has not yet been Toron-tolsed, a term used on Sunday (Radio 4) to describe a phe-Christians all over the country were presumably sur-reptitiously checking their cards and hoping God — and nomenon known as the Toronto Blessing, which is the Don - were taking a quick supposed eruption of the Holy Spirit into Christian worship in the form of uncontrolled

Premier Radio could do with winning a bob or two. The Christian station launched last June has so few listeners (just over 200.000) that it will probably take more than div-ine intervention to save it. In the meantime, 16 staffers have been made redundant. more job losses are threatened and the station has jettisoned its predominantly talk output in avour of easy listening The problem is that there

are only a limited number of times a day that you can play I'm A Believer, and the inexpe rienced Premier is now in direct competition with longer established, better-resourced and more slickly presented stations.

Premier's managing director, David Heron, claims that "the station is part of God's agenda for London and the Home Counties". Well, they say. God moves in mysterious WEAR

Television Adam Sweeting

all over not to realise she had major problems. She soon be-came the passenger from hell for the other people on board. ELEVISION. land of contrasts! Operation Coathanger (BBC1) started abysmally, with Michael Buerk — the First she had to have her arm put in a splint, then fel-Ancient Mariner of televisual woe and gloom - materialising amid stock tourist footage of Hong Kong to intone: "Hong Kong, with its sampans and its skyscrapers, is a unique blend of east and west" How true.

How dismally mundane. But for the porbid viewer this "999 Special" gradually became satisfyingly macabre. it recreated the groesome tale of Paula Dixon, who was about to fly home from her Hong Kong holiday when she was involved in a motorbike crash.

low passenger, surgeon Professor Angus Wallace, had to perform horrific improvised surgery to release a life-threatening build-up of air inside her chest. "I plunged the scissors through the chest wall, and turned them though 90 degrees," the professor recounted with relish, as "an

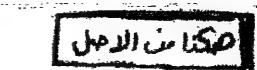
actress" recreated Paula's anguished moans and groans The grateful cabin crew gave Professor Wallace bottles of brandy and champagne. I trust the other passengers She boarded a British Airways sued the world's favourite air-

line for emotional trauma, sleep disturbance and ruined movies and in-flight meals. Somebody has cleverly sold the BBC a giant incontinent pup labelled "The Eighties". First we have Peter York's over-budgeted. overblown. intellectually absent six-part dehacle about that unlamented decade. Now

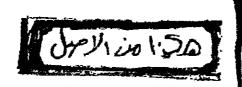
we're supposed to put up with BBC2's tawdry Sounds Of The Eightles. This feels all wrong. There's a cursory voiceover from Andy Kershaw, Yorkshire's best-known salesman of Goanese zither music and an unperson at the all-new Radio 1, followed by a string of crummy old clips from Top Of The Pops, the Oxford Road Show and Multi Coloured Swap Shop. The decade's best

lip-synchers were Duran Duran (with splendid shoulder pads and cheek bones), while Haircut 100's lovely chunky sweaters pro-voked a pang of nostalgia. Some of the songs were quite good but this is lazy, ineffectual programming. If the BBC is so embarrassingly devoid of imagination and resources then it should make the grand gesture and shut down altogether until suitable measures Heroes Out in th

are taken. It certainly shouldn't waste what meagre cash it can find on sentimental tripe like The Rocker: A Portrait Of Phil Lynott (BBC2). Oh all right, he was a smashing feller who loved his children, but Lynott was a second-rate rock star in a ropey old metal band. He wanted to be Jimi Hendrix. but he lived the rock'n'roll life beyond his means. The programme's one coup was getting Van Morrison to speak, but the most telling anecdote was about a stricken Lynott singing My Way on his deathbed. Ham!



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The city centre, long the focus of social, public and commercial activity, has been drained of life - a process which, DEYAN SUDJIC argues, proposed solutions seem unlikely to change

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Can we fix this hole at the heart of our cities?

the cinema and the

the homeless, the sex indus-

New patterns of urban life

gether. The changes, social as well as technological, of the

1990s are threatening their

very existence. Cash dis-pensers and telephone bank

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Most of us now live miles

away from anything remotely recognisable as a traditional

city — a fact that has deeply disturbed the Campaign for

the Preservation for Rural

And these new homes, typi-

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changing tastes in alcohol

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university,



Pedestrianisation in many cases does more harm good. And the 'cappuccino culture' turns the city into a playground for those affluent enough to afford its

Some urban strategists are attempting to follow through the logic of the information revolution, and thinking about ways in which technology could be used to reinforce the urbanity of a city in which a substantial percentage of the population is able to work from home. They envisage neighbourhood classrooms linked electronically with others or clubs and cafes with the same facilities, mixing both computer and physical

contact. But despite these optimistic predictions, the logic of events is still pushing many British cities down the same path taken by America, where some cities have lost half their population in a decade. In Houston, even the Salvation Army has relocated to suburban shopping malls, leaving the streets to the sad, and the mad. Some American downtowns are even beginning to welcome factory outlet stores as a sign of hope. Actually they are evidence that land values have failen so low that there is nothing to stop the centre of a city becoming the same kind of formless desert

not provide more than a tem-

porary distraction. These are places which have lost the

sense of vitality, but they are

at least economically success-

as its periphery With the old city in its death ing survival, it brings with it the potential destruction of its throes, a new kind has begun to take its place. Tourism, sertraditional meaning, through vices, leisure and the arts are an ever-sharper social the usual mantras, repeated segregation. endlessly by those charged with finding solutions. But HE city cantre was not every city centre can beonce shared by come a tourist honeypot. And every group in the even those that do don't alcommunity, and the ways relish the experience. exclusive preserve It's a dublous fate that has of none --- look for already overtaken many: cenexample at the way that Beltral Edinburgh looks over-flowing with life in the short fast's centre was neutral ground during the troubles. Scots summer, but how many of the people crowding Princes while the security fences segregated one working class suburb from the next. Street will be there for longer than three days? And can an In future it looks as if the economy based on stand-up city centre will become ever more narrowly divided turf. comedy, the tattoo, and shortbread sustain the city There will be areas visited throughout the year? And only by tourists, others that there is far worse. After six are the preserve of the very young, or gays, or office workers with no interaction beo'clock, the centre of York is as quiet as a theme park whose gates have been locked for the tween them. The fad for loft life for example while it may Walk around Windsor on a fill empty urban buildings, is a pursuit enjoyed by the child-less. It has already soaked up summer weekend, and you find yourself in a world which exists solely to cater for people the remains of the Victorian who never spend more than a workshops. few hours in the place. To buy everyday necessities you have Now the redundant office buildings of the 1960s are to drive to the shopping sheds of Slough. Windsor's high being co-opted too, as white collar jobs follow blue collar street contains only fast-food jobs to oblivion. In place of restaurants to feed the hordes mixed working communities is a homogenous residential who have just fin ished the tour of the castle. area. In London the old Soho was raffish, down at heel, and Groups of Italians, Spaniards and Americans cross sometimes squalid, but it was a centre for both the young and the old, criminals, and afand recross on their way from Pizza Express to McDonald's, attempting in vain to stave off fluent diners. The new one is a that sense of emptine thriving, but increasingly narcomes from the realisation rowly defined gay that travel and movement cancommunity.

ful. The response to those cities that have rebuilt themselves through the process usually referred to as gentrifi-cation — the so-called cappuc-cino culture that has breathed new life into the old centre of Glasgow, more patchily in Liverpool, and to parts of central ondon — has been even more mbiguous.

This goes far beyond the conversion of dour working class pubs into brasseries, and the substitution of exotic bottled beers from Mexico and China for real ate. It repre-sents the conversion of the city into a playground for those affluent enough to af-ford its attractions, the creation of a city whose main purpose is the consumption. rather than the creation, of wealth. It is an economy base on the taking in of each other's washing, writ large And it presupposes streets en tirely devoted to hairdressers bistros and expensive clothes

Judging by the epidemic of ver larger new restaurants that Britain is building, eating out has turned into its last remaining heavy industry. But while this future for the city may ensure its continu-

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ures selling the Big Issue, the architecture of Britain's town centres looks much as it did 20 years ago. There has been nothing like the invasion of shopping mails, multi-storey car parks and crude new office buildings that wreaked so much havoc in the 1960s. Conservation has stopped the tidal wave of demolition; facades at least are all but untouchable now. Appearances, however, are seriously misleading. The fact that nothing new is happening in the city centre is a sign not of stability but that the action has moved elsewhere. Behind the carefully pre-served crust of stone and brick, the town centre is threatened by the greatest challenge it has ever had to

The 1960s may have left it looking uglier, but at least it still had a clear purpose. The city then was still the centre of England. The majority of new housing is being built not on social life, the place in which derelict inner city sites, but in and around the green belt. institutions naturally gathered where ambitious corno rations believed they had to have their headquarters, even if they built them in Brutalist style. They were where we all

the car. We shop in giant ex-urban looked for the kind of public shopping centres, not corner shops, whose role the filling life that gives cities their special quality: exotic food stores, specialist book-shops, and the chance meetings and station is doing its best to usurp. The decision in the late 1980s by the big retailers — Marks & Spencer, Sainsbury random, unexpected social accidents of urban life. They

were characterised by the cafe | and Tesco - to concentrate their investment in giant and the court house as well as stores, where customers can park at ground level, had enormous consequences for the future of the city. Meanwhile, BAA --- which now makes The city centre was also the place that could accommodate the awkward, not always very picturesque aspects of urban more money as a retailer than reality that suburbs find too uncomfortable to deal with it does out of the airlines — is presenting Heathrow as the ideal family shopping location. try, the subcultures of the gay life, of immigrants and drugs

As people increasingly stay away, so the economic cycle which is undermining the future of the city centre takes a further, and more vicious turn. It is seen as squalid, and potentially dangerous, a place to be endured, or even avoided, rather than a glamor-ous attraction. More and more of us work in business parks landscaped campuses close to airports, or motorways, There may be a squash court, and a health club, but walking to the shops, or the pub at lunch time is out of the ques-tion. We amuse ourselves at far flung multiplex cinemas. Even hospitals and government buildings are vanishing, leaving an empty stage in frantic search of a plausible future. Too many responses to these challenges are no more

than attempts to apply stick-ing plaster remedies to life-threatening wounds. The same tired old attempt to cam-ouflage structural decay with a cosmetic dusting of granite cobbles, bollards made from hanging baskets of flowers are still being trotted out. Worst of

all is pedestrianisation, which

in many cases does more harm than good. Excluding the car erodes the sense of life and activity that is essential to keep cities buzzing, and turns them instead into a gratingly artificial environment The problems can only become more acute and press-ing. John Gummer is trying to shut the stable door after the

bolted horse of hypermarket shopping as if our experiences were unique. But Britain is simply further down the same road than most European countries are following.

Why should Gummer succeed in turning the tide where every kind of economy and po demand. litical system has failed? And for that matter what is a government so committed to the idea of the supremacy of the market that it is prepared to privatise the prisons doing trying to dictate where we can buy frozen chicken? Certainly it is true that most cities in Britain — and for that matter in western Europe - are lossurvival there will cater to the ing population. They are market's extremes. Every-

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spreading themselves out in thing in between will sconer rather than later disappear. At one end are the new gan thinner and thinner layers across a wider and wider area Even if Gummer could find eration of bargain baser a convincing justification for proceries offering baked eans rather than kiwi fruit, halting new out-of-town shopping centres, the price of keepthat cater for those too poor or too reckless to get to the big mails. At the other end are the ever more specialised and oping retailing in the city centre might yet prove to be its destruction. To tempt the big commercial names back, parkulent luxury stores. ing on the same scale they can offer out of town to soothe the Retailing of this kind is becoming ever more like an off shoot of the entertainment infears of commuters terrified dustry. Harrods is already a by stories of muggers will have to be made available.

place that people go to video-tape each other buying the groceries that they could get And cities are going to have to be re-shaped to make room for back home because it has skilthe giant boxes that retailers fully turned itself into an The conventional commerevent. Now the Disney and cial solution to the problem of Warner stores blend merthis decline is the managed high street, that is to say an chandise with entertainment. Nor is the hypermarket the attempt to run a city centre as if it were an enclosed mall which is all very well, but presupposes the survival of city centre retailing. Those retailers that have a chance of

only pressure eroding the vitality of the old city centre. It is calculated by some analysts that shopping via the Internet will spell the end for something up to one third of existing high street shops before the next century gets into

It is this atomisation that perhaps represents the great-est threat to the future of the city, and it is the one for which there are as yet no answers.

JOHN EZARD on Quiller's last Moscow mission, which brings to an end an era of great British bestseller writing

Heroes left out in the cold

HE author Elleston Trevor stopped dictating, then turned very slowly to his son Jean-Pierre, who was at his bedside

on his Arizona ranch, and said, "That's it." Jean-Pierre burst into tears. He mumbled something and

went into his father's study, looked at the street map of Moscow, the interrogation manual and the old, already dusty, typewriter. Then he went into the living-room and told Trevor's second wife Chaille the good news. The novel was finished. Next day Elleston Trevor alias Adam Hall and five other | obsessional writer's death. It

pen names, last and among the most illustrious of the war generation of best-selling British storytellers, died peacefully, aged 75.

That was last July. For two years be had suffered from the cancer that took his first wife, Joni, in 1986. Laser treatment might have beaten it. But that would have disrupted his iron routine. Instead, he ransacked meditation and alternative medicine. Unlike his most famous creation, the little spy Quiller, he had found an enemy against which strat-egy and willpower were of no avail. But he died a true, line on Thursday. It has a few

Elleston Trevor lived just long enough to finish novel

irked him on his death bed that his last Quiller was 30 pages short. So, with his son's help, and between comas, he completed it. The fruit of this work, Quil-ler Balalatka, which pits his spy against the Russian Mafia, is published by Headloose ends he would have edit-ed, given time. But the final 30 ing, Rumer Godden, John Moore, A J Cronin, Vincent pages are as good as the first, Cronin and Vincent Brome. with the usual stomach-coil-His first publisher was Ger ald Swan. remembered as "an ing tension and the old noir ex-barrow boy who kept three eloquence that put him second

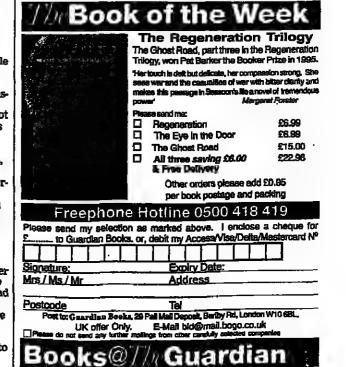
warehouses stuffed with pulp fiction worth their weight in gold during the wartime paper shortage, which lasted into the 1950s".

his generation; Alastair Mac-With Trevor among Heine striving to maintain his status mann's star list in that decade were Shute, Erskine Caldwell, Erle Stanley Gardner and edge trying to live as youth-fully as Bond. But Quiller last Frank Yerby. He was not unusual in running three ed 11 novels longer than Bond. Rolls-Royces and a house in His creator was the arch-sur-Mayfair on the proceeds. They were all riding the last wave of the 1870 Education Act, which created mass literacy and an appetite for reading. That was until television Trevor's contemporaries and took over. He died isolated in included Nigel Balchin, Nevill his craft, with his contemporaries virtually all out of print and unread by new genera-. tions, their vast book club and paperback editions surviving Frank Tilsley, Warwick Deeponly on secondhand book-

stalls, their output replaced by a modern fiction which is ghettolsed into genres. Trevor did both the filmable Dunkirk quickie (The Big Pick-Up, 1955) and a first world war minor literary classic (Bury Him Among Kings, 1970). Anyone reading him got a taste of the broad resources of fiction.

But the age of the generalists is over. Their successors, like their audience, have almost all gone into the impermanence of television. Alan Plater, almost as prolific and even more versatile a writer than Trevor, says: "I remarked recently that any-

one could write about anything on TV, provided it was about a detective. It's all either thrillers or romances. On the other hand, art always has had to exist with patronage of some sort. It remains possible for professionals of ability to work within the forms. "The old lags still manage to play the system."







20 OBITUARIES

Eric Hebborn

Faking aname for himself

HE outline of the life of Eric Hebborn, who has died aged 61 after an accident would convey the moression of a moderately successful artist who turne his back on English art and society to live in Italy. Yet after it was revealed by journalist Geraldine Norman that he was the creator of many "old master" drawings which had passed through the art trade in the 1970s he gained

almost cult status. Born in London, at the age of nine he was sent to Borstal for arson. After passing through a series of foster parents he displayed an abil-ity as a draughtsman and arrived at the Royal Academy Schools where he studied from 1956 to 1960. His drawings. etchings, and paintings were not in step with his fel-low students but they gained him the Rome Scholarship for

Academy in Rome followed,

1960 when Norman identified certain old master drawings which had recently been sold as his work. There is no dispute that Hebborn did make many drawings which purport to be by artists as varied as Breughel, Piranesi, Pontormo. Corot and Augustus John: the quantity varies from hundreds to thousands depending on who tells the

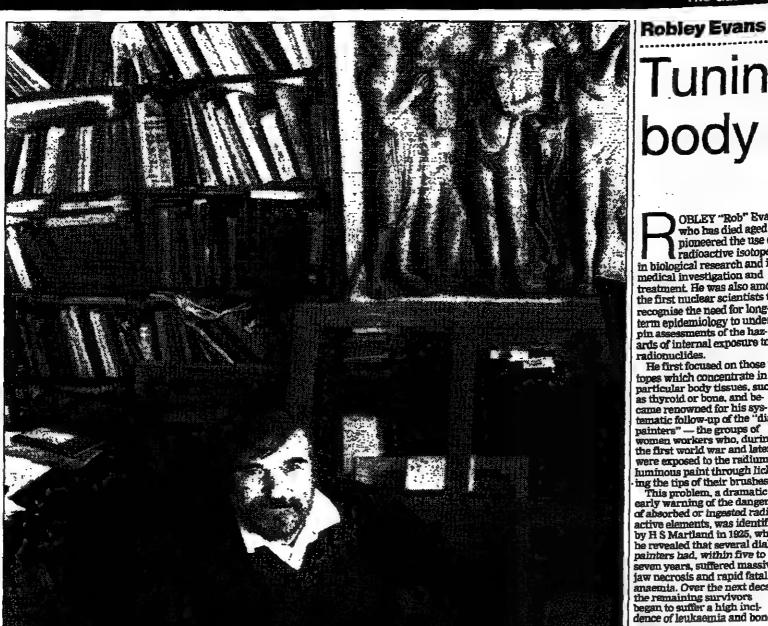
In his 1991 autobiography Drawn To Trouble the artist tells of his relationship with the experts. Anthony Blunt and Hans Calmann, to whom he brought his Rome "discoveries" and his dealings with

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Museum, as "enabling us to discover what sort of draughtsman lies behind all the fakes which have been trickling on to the market for many years". It was during this exhibition that it became apparent what a sympathetic chord Hebborn had struck with his view of the work of art in its own right divorced from expert opinion. Latterly he undertook commissioned drawings, several of which were exhibited in 1994 in London, revealing the tremendous range of his knowledge of drawing technique. He was prepared to dis-cuss at length the principles of draughtsmanship and would have shared with a wider public had his treatise

The Language Of Line found a publisher. Instead, the Art orger's Handbook, a cookbook of forgers' methods, was published last year in Italy. Hebborn made many

promote, and enjoyed the debate on the nature of although he did at times live well. He was generous and provocative at the same time. None of his work should be ignored although his death makes the problem of identification no less difficult.





Tuning into body waves

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tually formed the basis of radi-OBLEY "Rob" Evans, who has died aged 88, pioneered the use of radioactive isotopes in biological research and in medical investigation and

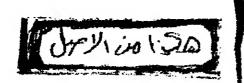
treatment. He was also among the first nuclear scientists to recognise the need for longterm epidemiology to underssments of the hazards of internal exposure to radionuclides. He first focused on those isotopes which concentrate in particular body tissues, such as thyroid or bons, and beas inviton of bonk sys-came renowned for his sys-tematic follow-up of the "dial painters" — the groups of women workers who, during the first world war and later, were exposed to the radium in luminous paint through lick-ing the tips of their brushes. This problem, a dramatic early warning of the dangers of absorbed or ingested radio-active elements, was identified by H S Martland in 1925, when he revealed that several dial painters had, within five to seven years, suffered massive jaw necrosis and rapid fatal anaemia. Over the next decad the remaining survivors began to suffer a high incldence of leukaemia and bone Evans's doctoral studies

involved isotopes and when, in 1935, he became director of the pioneering Radioactivity

ation protection standards for radium and for other boneseeking isotopes, such as those of strontium and plutonium. The availability of radio-

active isotopes increased in range and purity and, alongside the development of sensitive detection methods, became increasingly important in research, medicine and industry in the 1940s. Evans campaigned for the establish-ment of safety standards for ment of safety summaries use in parallel with the inves-tigation and exploitation of new isotope techniques. While still directing the MIT Radioactivity Centre, by this time a world focus for specialist post-graduate studies, he developed the use of isotopes in plant biology and, on the back of animal experiments, ploneered the use of radio-iodine to investigate thyroid function and treat thyroid disease. He also investigated iso-tope-ratio dating techniques, particularly those of radioarbon and radio potassium. In the later post-war era, Evans was taken to task for promoting the notion of a "threshold" radiation dose be low which late effects would not occur, but nevertheless he played an important role in the exploitation and dose control of short-lived radioactive isotopes as a means of measur ing human biochemical func-

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Money Guardian **Farewell mutual friends** When

Now Woolwich joins rush to become a bank

Teresa Hunter and Cliff Jones

HE Woolwich's 3.5 million members will be congratulating weekend for "winning" big bonuses after backing the

right horse in the building society conversion race. But a closer study of the Woolwich biueprint for becoming a bank could show that they have gained less than they hoped. Many Wool-wich customers do not hold the necessary accounts to qualify as "members", and many other customers opened accounts too late to qualify. Long-term Woolwich savers. who liquidated their nest-eggs to buy Woolwich life and unit

trust investments -- which do not qualify for shares - will be particularly aggrieved. Most angry of all will be the Tessa savers who changed institutions when their Tessas matured on January 1, thereby foregoing what will undoubtedly be a very sub-stantial Woolwich bonus.

Savers and borrowers will each receive a fixed package of shares of around £750, provided they had £100 in their accounts at the end of last year. Those with larger accounts will receive an additional pay-out based on the size of the balance, provided they have held their accounts for two years. Members who are both sav-

ers and borrowers can receive two flat-rate distributions, al-

Alliance & Leicester Nationwide **Bristol & West B'ham Midshires** Chelsea

Next in line

though members with several savings accounts only qualify once. However, their balances will be aggregated when calcu-lating the variable giveaway. To its credit, the Woolwich has tried to be fair to custom-

ers caught straddling the deadline. It will give shares to anyone who received a mortgage offer before the key dead-line, provided it is accepted within three months, and the purchase is subsequently completed.

Similarly, Tessa funds which were transferred into a Woolwich Pep or guaranteed income bond by members who maintained their membership through another account will be taken into consideration when calculating shares. Where their membership

should spare a thought for what will be lost when the was terminated by the transfer, the customer can rejoin by switching funds back before Woolwich becomes a bank. It January 23. Untouched Tessas were

automatically reinvested in a Prime Gold account. Woolwich's second-issue Tessas allow investors to tie up only £9,000. Investors should keep the additional interest in another qualifying saving account. But while busy counting their winnings, customers odd lapses, the Woolwich has been a good example of all that is worthwhile about mutual

All change . . . The Woolwich is the latest in a long line of building societies to make a switch

would be wrong to character-ise building societies, which continue to repossess about 1,000 homes a week, as philanthropic organisations. Nevertheless, the fact that they are owned, not by shareholders, but by their customers, has served borrowers and savers better than they might otherwise have been. Despite

ownership. Next year all that will change. The Halifax, Wool-

wich and probably the Alli-ance & Leicester will go to the stock market. Others, including the Bristol & West, Bir-mingham Midshires and Chel sea, may be taken over. The National & Provincial is to be sold to the Abbey National.

This effective privatisation of the industry fits well with the Government's deregulation drive. Whether it will fit so well with the customers' interests

remains to be seen. Building societies never envisaged the wholesale selling of their industry when they asked for the right to convert. The original request was born from a desire to protect the industry's good name - not

destroy it. The industry wanted the 1986 Building Societies Act to allow conversions so that businesses which were bringing societies into disrepute could be kicked out of the sector. Similarly, an escape route was thought necessary to dis-pose of a crashed society which no other society was prepared to rescue. Conversion would allow it to be taken

wich deals are not yet in the

over by another organisation.

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But it is not too late for mem-bers who look to their societies for more than a quick buck to hang on to their heritage. The Halifax, N&P and Wool-

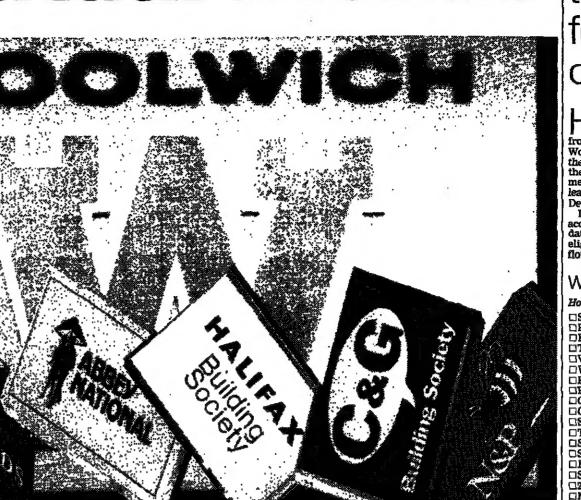
bag. In the coming months, nearly 15 million members will get the chance to vote on the future of their society.

Money Guardian was edited by Terosa Hunter this week

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Woolwich plc when it floats on the stock market next year if they held at least £100 in a membership account or had at least £100 mortgage debt on December 31, 1995. If they continue to hold the account or borrow until the date of the flotation they are eligible to vote on the flotation.

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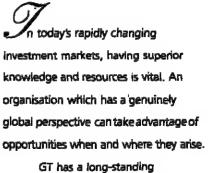












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City poised for revolution as institutions given a month to back introduction of order-driven share trading | Saturday Notebook

Deadline set for Big Bang 2 Don't shoot the messengers

Patrick Donovan **City Editor**

TE City is facing its st revolution since the market's 1986 "Big Bang" after the Stock Exchange yesterday gave the entire financial community just over a month to decide whether to back the introduction of order-driven share-

John Kemp-Welch, the exchange's chairman, set the clock running as he unveiled a restructuring of the share market to bring it into line with its main European competitors.

The consultative pro-

gramme is being seen as a last-ditch attempt to win back the City's confidence which has introduce an order-driven trading system. The aim is to introduce an order-driven been badly dented by the capacity to the London marrecent sacking of the exket, whereby traders post bid change's former chief execuand offers of share stakes they tive, Michael Lawrence. Mr Lawrence was ousted last week after it became clear that he had lost the backing of his fellow board directors and major market practioners because of his management style and failure to consult on the proposed reforms.

The objective is to add this to the exchange's existing quote-driven system which entails market makers posting up the price at which they are prepared to deal in a share. Options being considered. An order-driven system for But the exchange yesterday insisted that its plans to restructure the market

want to trade.

all stocks, providing that higher-risk, larger deals, or remain unaffected by Mr Lawblock trades, can be dealt serence's departure. The market has been given perately by telephone;
 An order book for some until February 17 to submit its stocks and a quote book for others; and

Early market soundings suggested that many leading

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A hybrid quote and order

book for some or all shares

Giles Vardey, the exresolved. But one senior change's director of market source warned that combining developments, said that it was quote and order-driven syssending out questionnaires to tems could prove to be unall participants and would workable. He suggested that aim to decide on March 21. It opting for a totally order-driven market, with separate would be ready to start the new-look market on August 27 dealing for block trades, when new computer systems would be the preferred option for many of the larger players:

Mr Kemp-Welch said: "The A spokesman for the Japa-nese bank, Nomura, said the introduction of new services will improve the structure and quality of UK equity trad. situation had yet to be fully considered. But, he added: Electronic order-driven sys-He added that the changes tems are the way of the were "essential to maintain future". He pointed out that our reputation as the market this was the way that trade

was carried out in most of the main overseas markets. NatWest Markets said: "We

City players are anxious that the situation should be are not against the principle of order driven markets". But he spokeswoman said that it had not finished evaluating the options which were on

David Jones, chief execu-tive of Sharelink, the private clients dealings service, said last night: "We are interested in considering the proposals very carefully. But we do consider that the introduction of an order-driven market is in the best interests of individual shareholders."

Other major broking firms - including SBC-Warburg, Merrill Lynch and BZW - declined to comment on the grounds that they had yet to consider the proposals thoroughly.



Robinson accuses bid target of mischief-making Granada signs £100m TV deal

Whitbread seeks support for Forte

views on three proposed

lan King

HITBREAD, the brewing and restaurants group, is to embark on a road-show of City institutions next week in a last-ditch effort to press them into supporting Forte, which is resisting a £3.8 billion bid from Granada.

Whitbread has reached an agreement to buy Forte's Welcome Break, Happy Eater and Little Chef chains for £1.05 billion — a figure that is regarded by analysis as a bar-gain price — if Granada's bid fails.

If Granada wins, however, Whitbread comes away with nothing, and for that reason, the brewer is anxious to ensure a Forte victory. Earlier this week, Whit-

bread denied it was talking to Granada about the possibility of buying the Welcome Break chain in the event of a Granada victory. While Whitbread will be meeting only its own major shareholders, many of them will also own substantial stakes in Forte.

A spokesman said: "Whit-I stantial scope for serious bread has entered into a conditional agreement for a deal worth over £1 billion, and so of course we are going to talk to our shareholders - it's common courtesy. Meanwhile, Forte yesterday

returned to the offensive, claiming that Granada had miscalculated the tax implications of its proposed givesway to shareholders. Forte said that Granada, which has promised to pay a 47p special dividend to share-

holders if its £3.8 billion bid for Forte is successful, had structured its plans in such a way that it risked breaking Inland Revenue rules

Forte said it would be ask-ing the Inland Revenue to 'give its views on matters", and said it had been advised that "on a balance of probability", it expected the Revenue to rule against Granada.

Announcing the move, Forte's finance director, Reith Hamill, said: "The tax issues arising from the type of proposals made by Granada are complex and difficult, and there is unfortunately sub-

errors - particularly under the unusual pressures tovolved in making a hostile. leveraged bid with limited information." However, Granada dis-missed Forte's tax claims, insisting it too had taken profes-

sional advice before announcing the dividend Granada said it expected to minimise any tax liabilities it faced as a result of either the takeover or the dividend, and said that on that basis, the tax consequences would be "insig-

afficant" Chief executive Gerry Robinson added: "This is nothing more than mischief-making by Forte. We think that their hysterical attempt to deprive their own shareholders of the tax benefits of our offer is unedifying." Granada also received a

boost yesterday from leading City stockbroker NatWest Se curities, which, in a research note, recommended Forte shareholders to accept Granada's offer.

Shareholders must make their minds up by January 23.



The Guardian Saturday January 13 1996

column in Money, was per-fectly capable of moving the

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market There is nothing about this which only applies to US commentators. Favourable mentions in any widely-followed British stock market report can do exactly the same. One can track how Forte shares climbed towards the higher offer price as reports that the Granada offer was on its way emerged earlier this week.

nate Mr Dorfman, it has been alleged that he had become too close to one of his sources. The source, who worked in the marketplace, would provide Mr Dorfman with information hat might then be mentioned in his stock report, causing a flutter on the market.

Commission have recently taken an interest in Mr Dorfman and his relationship to his sources. And Money magazine has parted company with its most famous writer be-cause he declined to disclose his confidential sources to the editors.

The position is peculiarly unsatisfactory since the jour-nalist has been dismissed, without anyone determining whether he has done anything more than report what his well-placed market sources have passed on.

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financial public relations It has not been unknown for

such experts to overstep the mark. During last year's bid battle for the construction group Amec by the Norwegian concern, Kyaerner, the defending financial public rela-tions group, Financial Dynam-ics, was deemed by the City referee, the takeover panel, to have gone too far. Financial Dynamics was allegedly res-ponsible for leaking price-sen-sitive information to an analyst, which then found its way into the press. A new firm of public rela-

1980s-style takeover, sym-

bolised by Granada's

3.8 billion assault on Forte,

has brought with it financial

over bid, it is the job of the financial advisers and invest

ment banks to come up with

all the cash wizardry, whethe

it be Granada's special divi-

dend or the Forte pre-sale of

its restaurants to Whitbread.

put a convincing message across to shareholders. This

involves persuading both the analysts and their counter-

parts in the financial press of the strength of their case.

whether it be Sir Rocco's pen-

chant for pheasant shooting or Gerry Robinson's liking for spiced chicken wings, is a weapon in the hands of the

Every minor incident,

And it is up to the experts in orporate communications to

spin-doctoring on a grand scale. During a hostile take-

tions advisers, Dewe Roger-son, were drafted in quickly The spin-doctoring resumed. but on safer ground, relating to the likely higher value of Amec shares in perhaps 12 nonths' time when the preda-

tor returned. In fact the spin doctors' lifelood is their ability to put across their views to key journalists and in the process allow a certain amount of proprietory information — about defence factics for instance to drip into the marketplace. This potentially puts the journalist into an invidious

position. By writing, for

instance, of a likely improved valuation for the Forte hotels.

HE problem for all finan-cial journalists, given access to premium information, is to determine the motives of the source. If the intention of the source is simply to use the media to jump into the market and make a quick profit, then the informa tion is best left in the reporter's notebook. The same is probably also true in the case of a stockbroker or fund manager pushing a particular share because they happen to have a proprietary stake in it. That is why some potential exclusives do not appear, because the reporter recognises the possibility that he or she might be used.

In the case of hostile takeovers, which is where this Notebook began, the same dilemmas do not really arise. The alert financial reporter knows exactly where the spin doctors are coming from: they are seeking the most favour-able outcome for their clients, It is axiomatic that every claim made by one side, whether in public or more privately, will be counterbalanced by the other. Thus the Granada special dividend be comes an opportunity for the other side to question its tax

Alex Brummer HE return of the hostile

In the case of the unfortu-

The Securities & Exchange

Oyesterday signed deals thought to be worth £100 million which will keep two of ITV's most popular shows, Coronation Street and The Bill, on the ITV network for at least two years.

writes lan King The deal ends months of speculation that The Bill, which is made by Pearson's Thames Television subsidiary, or Coronation Street.

were set to go to other channels. It had been rumoured that BSkyB — in which Gra-nada holds an 11 per cent stake — was interested in Coronation Street, while the new Channel 5 — in which Pearson is a shareholder — and the BBC were both reportedly interested in The Bill. However, under the deal

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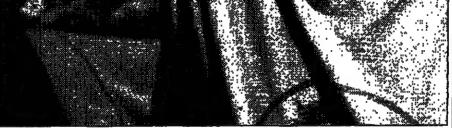
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ITV network keeps Coronation Street and The Bill

Street, which celebrated its **35th anniversary last** nonth, will stay with ITV for another two years. while The Bill, which regularly pulls in 15 million viewers, will stay until The deal also covers the

planned fourth weekly epi-sode of Coronation Street, which is due to start this antumn.



Life with the Duckworths . . . Jack and Vera will continue to battle on ITV

Grid chiefs' £1.5m perk revives windfall row

Simon Beavis Industrial Edito

HE row over boardroom greed in the privatised utilities erupted again last night after the National Grid quietly unveiled a share option scheme from which four top directors stand to make £1.5 million — up to 40 per cent more than under an earlier perks package. Shadow chancellor Gordon Brown said it was new proof that the Government had failed to stamp out excessive pay and perks in privatised mpanies.

The new share option scheme was put in place to take account of the capital restructuring of the grid just before its flotation last month Under the new package,

last night sitting on a potential profit of just under £600,000 on a package of 418,580 shares granted as options and 44,211 shares granted under a sharesave scheme.

Most of the options are exer cisable immediately, although for some he would have to wait until March next year. Although the new scheme is supposed to mirror a package

put in place before the capital shake-up of the grid, it will provide the directors with a bigger windfall. Mr Jefferies stands to make £169,000 more under the new scheme.

Three other directors are also in line for bigger pay-outs. Chief executive David Jones is sitting on a nominal profit of £243.371, Colin Gibson, power network director, £274,112, while finance direc-

tor Roger Uttley could net £392,593 at yesterday's market chairman David Jefferies was price for grid shares of 196p.

The new package flies in the face of one of the key recommendations of the Greenbury report on top pay, that directors should not be able to realise quick profits on options soon after flotation.

But a spokeswoman for the grid insisted that the scheme was only the reworking of a package put in place before the Greenbury recommendations were releas

She said that it was a normal capital restructuring which also took account of the sale of the grid's First Hydro pump storage power station business in North Wales for more than expected. Grid chiefs have, however, already received special dividends from that sale.

they risk being seen as casting in their lot with one side in the taksover battle. Arguably, they may be in possession of price sensitive information which should be confined to the defence team until it is diseminated to all shareholders.

INCE the intelligence in Swhich financial journal-ists deal can more often than not be price-sensitive, and on occasions can be self-fulfilling — the speculation about Alliance & Leicester converting itself into a plc/ bank falls into this category — they have to handle what they know particularly judi-ciously. A personal financial interest, with a building society conversion for example, can be particularly tricky.

These questions have been seriously exercising US finan-cial commentators lately. Money magazine last week dismissed Dan Dorfman, regarded as one of America's best-sourced business repor-ters. Mr Dorfman's reputation goes before him and a few chosen words in his stock market reports on the CNBC cable channel, or a mention in his

The idea that financial journalists can be led one way or another by the communica-tors — whatever the latter may promise to their paymasters — is preposterous.

Indeed, newspapers are no more able to deliver victories in hostile takeovers than they can bring down companies. It is the large battalions with the shares, and consequently with the votes, who settle bids and the value of corporations.

It ill behoves a company chairman to blame the calam itous decline in his company's shares on adverse comment in the press — as Sir Alistair Morton of Eurotunnel did this

The duty of the financial press is to inform sharehold-ers about Eurotunnel load factors and the state of negotiations on the £8 billion debt mountain. Anyone reading such disappointing reports, small investor or big battalions, may well decide to sell. Attacking the messengers, whose job it is to provide all stakeholders with as much information as possible, cannot be considered a mature management strategy.

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Update

Maxwell jury declines weekend off

Dan Atkinson

Booming Christmas sales at Argos have added to the evidence that high steeet spending is clawing its way out of the

stores, sales were 14 per cent higher than in 1994. The figures continued the booyant trend which Argos had seen throughout the autumn. The biggest sales increases came in furniture, bedding and leisure products. Publisher Hodder Headline, which campaigned against the Net Book Agree ment, said its Christmas sales were 13 per cent higher than in 1994, taking the increase for the year to 10 per cent and led by sales to supermarkets. The Christmas sales repre-

AXWELL trial jurors yesterday failed to reach a verdict after more than 34 hours' deliberation. They also did not respond to an invitation from the judge, Lord Jus-tice Phillips, to inform him if they were hopelessly dead-locked.

The jury rejected as well his offer to take the weekend off, instead they asked to be allowed to work a shortened day today and, if no verdict has been reached, to take Sunday off. This was agreed. Yesterday marked day 125 of the Maxwell trial, but the judge assured jurors they were under no time pressure. Kevin Maxwell, aged 36, his brother Ian, aged 39, and former Marwell aide Larry Trachtenberg, aged 42, deny conspiracy to defraud pension funds by misusing £22 million worth of shares in the Israeli company Teva. Kevin alone denies conspiring with his father to defraud the pension funds by misusing £100 mil-lion of shares in another Israeli company, Scitex.

has written to nearly 30 banks worldwide inviting them to become involved. Each bank infrastructure. They will be run by chairmen with legal qualifications, whose salaries will be "subject to negotiation", but are matters. They will mediate between the 25 passenger operat-ing companies and Railtrack, many of the disputes as posswhich is responsible for ible out of the courts." TOURIST RATES - BANK SELLS

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Troubleshooters for fragmented rail firms

Keith Harper Transport Editor

HE Government is creating two new rail trouble-shooters to adjudicate on legal disputes that are becoming more frequent in the industry which is being broken up into more than 100 parts. The move comes as it emerged last night that the hanks have reservations about the flotation of Railtrack, the public company that now owns the stations and track. Some banks have already

gone cold on the sell-off of some smaller parts of the network. But doubts about the flotation of Railtrack, due in May, is a more serious matter. The Department of Transport

would be expected to underwrite part of the deal. The trouble-shooting quangos are the access disputes resolution committee, specifically to handle operators' grievances about track use, and the railway disputes resolution committee, for other

expected to be in six figures. Labour's Transport spokes

man, Brian Wilson, said last

night "This confirms the impression of a fragmented railway to be run in the interests of lawyers. Ministers have

realised that they need these committees in order to keep as

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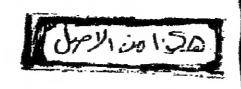
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Dearer phone **bills delayed** in the post

The Guardian Saturday January 13 1996

Unemployment to hit four million as beleaguered government faces spectre of recession Kohl's coalition on the ropes

While the minister fiddles in Rome, JOHN GLOVER finds it still costs a packet to file his copy from Milan

INALLY! exclaimed Francesco Chirichigno, managing director of Telecom Italia, Italy's state-con-trolled telecommunications monopoly, on hearing that the minister of posts had agreed to issue the decree needed to "rebalance" its tariffs.

Mr Chirichigno spoke too soon. The news that long-distance and some international calls would cost less, while the price of local calls would rise, broke to howls of protest from unions, parliament, consumer associations and — in-triguingly — Internet provid-

Ministerial decrees take ef-fect only when published in the Official Gazette. Some-how, in spite of government assurances that the price rises would be pushed through, the decree has not yet appeared. (Though prime minister Lamberto Dini resigned on Thursday, the government remains in office while Rome seeks a way out of the political im-

On Thursday, the minister promised wide-ranging consultations before implementing the decree, but ruled out withdrawing it.

Telecom Italia defends its proposals, claiming its new tariff package will actually cost it money. Lower busines charges will mean a loss of some 580 billion lire (£232 million) of income, which will not be fully compensated for by the extra 190 billion lire households will have to cough

However, sceptical consumer groups reckon Telecom will pocket an extra 700 billion lire a year from households, plus another 330 billion lire from

businesses. Moreover, Telecom's estimates of the costs of using a phone are contradicted by those of outsiders. Unions and consumer groups add that the new rates will affect the retail price in-

dex, boosting an already high inflation rate. Telecom brandishes figures with lots of zeros to the right of the deci-

mal point to show that any increase in inflation will be negligible. Privatisation of Stet, Tele-com Italia's parent, is unlikely to be affected by the row be-

cause there is no firm timetable for it. But liberalisation of the telecoms sector might be a casualty if tariffs are not evened out, Telecom argues. By the standards of deregulated markets, Italian business pays steep phone bills, largely because of the cost of long-distance and international calls. It is no accident

that, under Telecom's propos als, the cost of calls to the US and Britain fall furthest, while the prices rise for calls to France, Switzerland and Austria, where international calls cost even more than in

Italy. Brussels has weighed in with a letter from Karel Van Miert, the EU competition commissioner, to the minister

of posts. "Elements of the phone tar-iff do not correspond to the relative costs and the imbalance that results is subsidised by other elements," Mr Van Miert noted. In other words, business subsidises households, potentially inhibiting competition.

Lurking beneath the row over the rise in household phone bills is concern over the prices and incomes agreement that has underpinned Italy's economic policy for the past three years. Under this, the unions agreed to limit pay demands to

the planned inflation rate, 3.5 per cent last year. Inflation turned out to be nearer 6 per cent, meaning wages have fallen.

Hefty rises in utilities bills are politically controversial. The state railway company had been hoping to do some "rebalancing" of its own to change the present system, whereby fares depend solely on distance, irrespective of how busy the route is. But the transport minister has ruled out any imminent change. "For the moment it's not under discussion," he said.

David Gow HE traditional new year mood of gloomy foreboding in Ger-many intensified this week as the spectre of recession and political crisis gripped Europe's largest

But, for once, this cannot be dismissed as typical German self-pity. The prospects for 'Helmut Kohl's coalition government, with its parliamentary majority of 10, are bleak. Three state elections in March could sound the death-knell for the Liberal FDP, Dr Kohl's junior partners, already on the verge of extinction, and force an early general elec-The Kohl government's

prospects have been worsened by the rapid economic deterio ration. Pan-German growth

forecasts have been slashed, with the (normally pessimistic) DIW economic institute counting on a mere 1 per cent in 1996 and the government's 2 per cent forecast already dis counted by independent experts. The Chancellor and Roman Herzog, the federal president, have moved unemployment to the top of the po-litical-economic agenda. This week's figures confirmed ministers' worst fears: a year-on-year rise in jobless ness in December of 231,000, to

3.8 million or 9.9 per cent. Everyone agrees that by the end of the winter the headline total will have passed four mil-lion as the combined impact of a mid-cycle downturn and structural problems takes its toll.

A desperate Chancellor has made measures to alleviate joblessness the central topic of the latest round-table talks

round on Thursday. But the scope for reaching a corporat-ist German consensus, tradiwith state premiers, the Bundesbank and both sides of industry in Bonn on January tional escape-route out of a cri-sis, is slim: industry now

A key proposal, enthusiasti-cally endorsed by Dr Kohl hunself, is the "Alliance for needs at least some UK-style deregulation ("flexibility") to Jobs", first put forward in late November by Klaus Zwickel, head of IG Metall, Europe's survive in the global econo while the unions remain wed led to 1970s interventionism. biggest union, and thras At the heart of Mr Zwickel's proposal is a tripartite agree-ment (union.'employer body/ government) to help create

out during five hours of talks with engineering industry leaders (in Gesamtmetall) at a

Last year Germans did three billion hours' overtime --- equivalent to 1.7 million jobs

luxury hotel outside Frank-furt on Monday. 330,000 jobs, including 30,000 earmarked for the long-term Little or no progress on the proposal was made, according iobless, over the next three years - in an industry likely to employer sources at the talks, and Mr Zwickel is insist-

to shed more than 100,000 this year alone — and to expand training places by 5 per cent ing on agreement at the next

rates below the nationally-agreed basic minimum, but innually. The quid pro quo would be a pay settlement — in 1997, at the end of the pressome employers want to ent two-year deal - set at reduce overall basic pay to an absolute minimum, topped up price-inflation rather than the

by productivity payments and individual bonuses, as a pre-(higher) growth in productiv-And, in a radical departure, overtime on top of the basic 35 lude to plant-level bargaining. They also want to cut paid hour week would or could be overtime by extending the normal working week to em-brace Saturdays. Last year taken in extra leisure rather than at premium rates as in dustry moves to more individ-**Germans** worked around ualised working-time con-tracts - as worked at BMW's

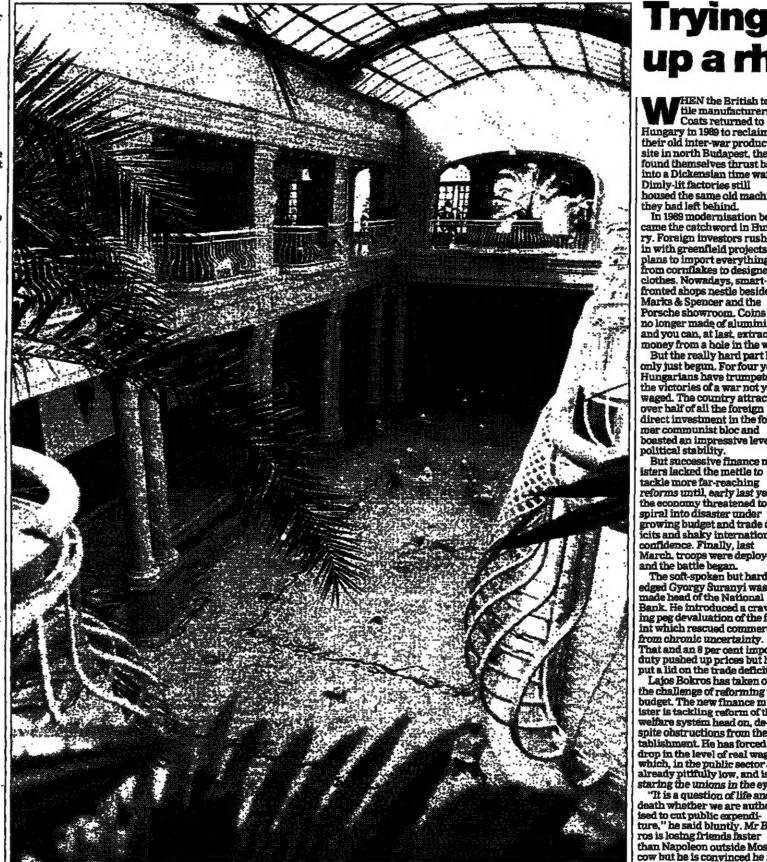
Serman plants,

three billion hours' overtim equivalent, arithmetically, to 1.7 million jobs. With this, Mr Zwickel has, for the first time, recognised So Mr Zwickel's overtime proposals have had a warmer

the link between pay and jobs but, of course, Gesamtmetall welcome, but the outstanding issue remains German induswants to go further. Hans-Jo-achim Gottschol. Its presitry's need to reduce costs, the highest in Europe — and that dent, needs a loosening of time-honoured collective barmeans even deeper job cuts and reductions in social secugaining this year, not next. IG Metall has indicated it rity contributions. Even Dr Kohl will find it

would allow the long-term jobhard to fudge his way out of this conflict. less to be taken on initially at

How Hungary is fighting the battle against an £8.1bn national debt. LUCY HOOKER reports from Budapest



Trying to strike up a rhapsody

HEN the British tex-tile manufacturers Coats returned to Hungary in 1989 to reclaim their old inter-war production site in north Budapest, they found themselves thrust back into a Dickensian time warp. Dimly-lit factories still housed the same old machines they had left behind. In 1989 modernisation became the catchword in Hungary. Foreign investors rushed in with greenfield projects and plans to import everything from cornflakes to designer clothes. Nowadays, smartfronted shops nestle beside Marks & Spencer and the Porsche showroom. Coins are no longer made of aluminium and you can, at last, extract money from a hole in the wall. But the really hard part has only just begun. For four years Hungarians have trumpeted the victories of a war not yet waged. The country attracted over half of all the foreign direct investment in the former communist bloc and boasted an impressive level of political stability.

20 years time he will go down as the man who led Hungary out of the valley of debt. Too proud for their own good, in 1990 Hungarians ratused to seek relief from the international loans which had

financed their economic experiments of the 1970s and 1980s. Now they are saddled with a net debt of £8.1 billion, which previously has absorbed up to 40 per cent of budget expenditure in interest pay-ments, and a budget deficit this year of 6.5 per cent of gross

omestic product. Under these strictures Hungary has had very little choice but to make sure that the privatisation of state assets happened fast and

efficiently. Hungary's State Privatisa-tion and Holding Company sold off large chunks of the energy sector companies and will be taking in £1.4 billion in revenues. About half of that will go into the budget. The government promises the budget deficit this year will be under 4 per cent of GDP. The company was so

Italy wakes up to pirate blues

John Glover in Milan

LLEGAL recordings ac-count for one out of three sales of recorded music in Italy, costing the interna-tional industry almost £100 million a year. "This is an alarming situa-

tion, unparalleled anywhere else in the European Union," says Ifpi, the industry's international trade body. The pirate trade, which ranges from illegally copied chartbusters to bootlegs of live perfor-mances, is no respecter of in-ternational boundaries. Ifpi estimates that in 1994 Italy exported 15 million bootleg CDs. These are particularly difficult to stop, it claims. The legitimate industry

hopes to beat its blues with a £600,000 investment in the new Federation Against Music Piracy, a body to be headed by Enzo Mazza, who made his name fighting the country's pirate computer software trade. Ifpi says that Italy has the

fifth-largest music black mar-ket in fhe world, accounting for nearly half of all the illegal recordings sold in the EU. The scale of the problem is in-creasing -- between 1991 and 1994, the legitimate market in Vel 2000 Italy fell 20 per cent. In the rest of the EU it grew 9 per cent. Half of all cassettes, which ac-count for more than a third of all recordings sold in Italy and mostly carry Italian artists,

are illegal copies. The problem is worse in the freewheeling south of the country than in the more strattlaced north. In Naples, almost the entire music mar-ket is in the hands of the plrates, in this case tightly linked to organised crime.

In spite of tough new legislation on copyright protection, it will be hard to eradicate, mostly because of the short-comings of the Italian courts, where action moves at funereal pace. If in expects that the five anti-piracy prosecutions it brought in 1994 will take at least five years to come to fruition.

In the swim - or taking a bath . . . at Budapest's Gellert Hotel

reforms until early last year. the economy threatened to spiral into disaster under growing budget and trade def-icits and shaky international confidence. Finally, last March, troops were deployed and the battle began. The soft-spoken but hardedged Gyorgy Suranyi was made head of the National

But successive finance min-

Bank. He introduced a crawling peg devaluation of the for-int which rescued commerce from chronic uncertainty. That and an 8 per cent import duty pushed up prices but has put a lid on the trade deficit. Latos Bokros has taken on the challenge of reforming the budget. The new finance min-ister is tackling reform of the welfare system head on, de-spite obstructions from the establishment. He has forced a drop in the level of real wages,

which, in the public sector are already pitifully low, and is staring the unions in the eye. "It is a question of life and death whether we are author-ised to cut public expenditure," he said bluntly. Mr Bokros is losing friends faster than Napoleon outside Mos-cow but he is convinced he is

in December, it donated nearly a thousand pounds to help provide Christmas par-ties for orphans and widows. Unfortunately, such sea-sonal displays of goodwill

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won't be enough to convince voters. Last year real wages fell by an average of 10 per cent as inflation hit 39 per cent and the government's intransigence over pay rises aroused indignation, public sector demonstrations and strikes.

Despite the good news over macroeconomic indicators there is still a lack of cheer in the business community. They complain of clumsy bureaucracy and to few quali-

fied managers. Just look, says one, at the implications of eastern Europe's first case of unautho rised chocolate dumping. Earlier this year at Kraft Jacob Suchard a machine was inad vertently left running over-night and in the morning the factory floor was awash with perfectly produced and wrapped Lila Pause bars.

Desperate to hide the disas-ter, the managing director had the entire lot delivered to a nearby lake for brisk disposal. The dumping came to light and he lost his job. The local PHOTOGRAPH: ROBIN LAURENCE right and resigned to his un-popularity, in the hope that in Christmas had arrived early.

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pay 500 levs (£5) for vouchers with a face value of 25,000 levs. Most applicants so far are pensioners, who have to pay only

100 levs. Many Bulgarians, particularly young people, are reportedly sceptical about privatisation.

SHARES in the computer services group, Cap Gemini Sogeti, rose almost 10 per cent this week after the company unveiled changes in its corporate structure which effectively merge it with its parent, Sogeti_ Fresh capital of 2.1 billion French francs (£275 million) will be invested by the company's three main . owners. After the reorganisation, the new Cap Gemini Sogeti will have Daimler-**Benz Interservices and** Compagnie Generale d'In-dustrie & de Participations each holding "just under" 25 per cent.

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□ BULGARIA has begun dis-tributing vouchers for its mass privatisation programme, which involves around 1,000 enterprises. Around 4 million citizens are eligible, urites Rossitsa Simeonova. Most will apar 500 large (55 for wurdhers no guarantees they would fill his shoes when he retires. He was responding to speculation about who will succeed him as chairman and chief executive of the world's largest producer of corrugated cardboard boxes.

C FRENCH aluminium and packaging giant Pechiney said yeşterday that a planned move to increase

its capital would probably bring in less than expected, but that the shortfall should not threaten short-term debt levels. The newly privatised group may end up with a capital boost of 1.8 billion francs (£236 million) instead of the 2.4 illion francs it had pencilled in. said company chairman Jean-Pierre Rodier.

I THE German postal miniatry said yesterday that it is considering the option of list-ing Deutsche Postbank shares directly on stock exchanges. Previously, discussion has focused on the sale of stakes directly to major investors.

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year-old head of Ireland's large Buropean Business is est industrial company Jeffer edited by Mark Miner European Business is

Finnish banks' joint ven-Jon Henley in Helsinki AFTER undergoing a costly performance boost late last year, Finnish cash dispensers are to be slowed down again because flustered customers can no longer keep up with them, the machines' manufacturers said this week. "Basically, we're giving people a little more time,"

said Tapani Penttila, managing director of Automatia Pankkiautomaatit, the

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ture which runs 90 per cent of the country's cash dis-"We were getting too many cases of the machines swallowing people's cards and even their cash before they knew what was hap-pening. So we're giving them all an extra five seconds and introducing a loud beep to tell them to wake up." Finland's network of

queueing times. It took less than 30 seconds to complete most transactions, making Finnish machines among the fastest in Rurope. Now, however, the system is being fine-tuned to make it easier for customers who find the supercharged dis-Penser bewildering, "Our research shows it often happens to the same

prove security and reduce

But Mr Penttila fears lit-tie can be done for the most common Finnish offenders: those who try to operate a dispenser while under the influence of alcohol.

"Very often, the problem occur in the late evening," he said. "T'll leave it to you to guess what the reason is. But there's a limit to what

we can do for them. If you're hot feeling 100 per cent, you really shouldn't try to work

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Dozy Finns get a wake-up call to keep them up to markka Teamsters go to press in Dutch to fight dispute in New York state

of Connecticut, Under the new system, called cross-docking, Financiel staff suppliers deliver their goods to one side of a distribution HE American Teamsters Union, once famously led terminal. From there, the by Jimmy Hoffa, this week took its dispute with Holland's grocery chain, Royal Ahold, to the Dutch public. The American union, angry at changes being made at the Ahold-owned Tops super-market chain in upstate New York. took out large advertisements in Dutch papers to

products are transported to the supermarkets by trucks waiting on the other side of the building. This innovation enables Ahold to buy directly from producers, bypassing inter-mediate wholesalers, and cut distribution costs by a quar-"The biggest problem is that Ahold doesn't want to speak

branch of the Dutch Federa-

Ahold refused to talk to a

senior Teamsters' official who

visited Holland this week, on

should be dealt with in the US. The company claimed that the

the grounds that the issue

changes would not involve

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tion of Trade Unions.

The Teamsters' copy claimed: "The lives of poor people and the elderly will be with the Teamsters Union. This is not normal in the Dutch way of behavior," said negatively affected as a result Willem Noordman, who heads the supermarket workers'

of these changes." The advertisements carried the endorsements of 35 American elected officials, profes-

sors and clergy. Royal Ahold, which operates Holland's largest grocery chain under the trading name Albert Heijn, called the advertisements "unjust and onesided" and a press spokesman dismissed the Teamsters position as nonsense.

Teamsters overall is trying to get new members. "To do this they are using a At issue is Ahold's decision to introduce a new distribution system that, according to the advertisements, has led to strategy of putting pressure on parent companies," said an Ahold spokesman. the loss of 500 jobs in the state



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A lean, mean US weapons industry may soon be over here, taking European jobs, factories and exports. **MARK TRAN in New York** reports on the attackers. **SIMON BEAVIS and MARK MILNER** review the defence

Gunning for Europe

UTS in Pentagon spending have led to a brutal contraction in the US de-fence industry, but the survivors stand to make handsome profits from what is still an \$80 billion

(£53 billion) domestic market. Lockheed Martin certainly intends to stick around. It was already the world's largest defence company, the result of last year's merger between Lockheed and Martin Marietta. Now it is set to cement its number one position by acquiring Loral, the defence electronics company. The result will be a colossus with annual sales of \$30 billion.

Other American defence contractors are certain to react by forging alliances of their own. The consolidation is not over yet. At most, the industry may be two-thirds of the way through the process. By the next century, there will probably be three main Amercan defence companies — Lockheed Martin, Northrop Grumman and McDonnell Douglas, Unless their European rivals can consolidate, these three will establish a stranglehold on the world's

joy a secure home market be cause a "buy American" pol-icy makes the US virtually impenetrable to European

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Europe has its "Europe first" policy, but countries are beginning to stray because of enticing deals offered by US

against COMDAN Recently the Dutch government chose attack helicopters from McDonnell instead of the united Tiger models designed by Eurocopter. The Dutch thought they would save \$115 million and get a proven product instead of a helicopter front only in the prototype stage. McDonnell sold Apache heli-copters to the UK in a co-pro-CHAREHOLDERS in

duction deal with Westland. As for the process of consoli-dation, that has been encour-British Aerospace have reason to be grateful to the US defence aged by the Clinton adminisration, with Defence Secretary William Perry, an arms procurement expert, stating his preference for a small but healthy group of defence contractors rather than too many weak ones. At a din-ner in 1993 — nicknamed by defence executives the Last Supper-Mr Perry said the Pentagon hoped several air-

\$9 billion acquisition of Loral. Expectations that Europe's defence groups will soon be forced down the same road to rationalisa-tion and integration led to a flurry of rumours which has driven BAe shares up from 788p to 833p since the

start of the year. The speculators may be jumping the gun. While industrialists see the necessity of integration, efforts by Europe's weapons-makers to pool resources have usually become bogged down in a morass of con-

flicting interests. For a start, the European industry is more disparate than America's, with many more players scrabbling for a piece of a much smaller industry. Every time two of cake.

But it is not simply a ques-tion of structure and owner-America's arms-makers merge, BAe's shares — only recently among the stock market's sluggards — soer. So it was this month with ship, although even that is complicated by the presence of the state in many Northrop Grumman's \$3 billion purchase of Wes-tinghouse's defence busicountries. Governments hold other

keys. Arms-makers are seen ness and Lockheed Martin's as important components of gence of European Aero-

both economic policy and defence strategy. They are often big employers - even a much slimmed BAe employs 40,000 people — as well as big contributors to balances of payments. "Every new deal in the US

increases the imperative on the Europeans to do some-thing, but there are too many differing aspects overnments, cultures and borders. It's as difficult as monetary union," says Chris Avery, analyst with French investment bank Paribas.

To date, cross-border cor-porate links are few. Cooperation, where it exists, has tended to be at the level of marketing agreements or confined to joint ventures. The City believes that, be

cause BAe is one of Europe's biggest groups and has done nore than most by way of rationalisation, it will be at the forefront of any restructuring of the European de-fence industry. Indeed, the company foresees the emer

pace, in the same way that BAe emerged from the dis-parate UK aircraft-makers. For that reason, BAe has set its face against overtures from its largest national rival, GEC, about a merger — although rumours that Lord Weinstock is on the prowl again were circulating in the City But BAe has been spectac-

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ularly unsuccessful in turning action into words. It failed to merge its missile business with Thomson CSF of France in the 1980s and has spent the past three years trying to do a mirror deal with Matra which is

keting deals like its tie up with Saab of Sweden to mar ket the JAS-39 Gripen fighter and a more recent

greement to look to future aircraft designs with Dassault of France. Although talk of integra-tion is often heard in the UK. the most successful moves have been on the Franco-German axis. Aero-

spatiale of France and Dasa

'Governments, cultures, borders:

for two new ventures in satellites and missiles. The aim of the latter is eventually to involve BAe and Matra. But cynics predict that it is unlikely to be BAe that is in the driving seat. One obvious benefit for US arms companies as they try to navigate the uncer-

tainties of the post-cold war era is that they can rely on a uniform defence policy. Even against a background

of greater political togetherness, Europe's arms-makers cannot. 25

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Added to that they have had to cope with national defence and industrial policy which has been fickle. UK ministers are now in two minds about an earlier commitment to try to pro-mote industrial integration across Europe in arms purchases, even if it means subordinating the much-cher-ished policy of promoting competition. Recent indica-tions are that the MoD, now under the free-marketeer Michael Portillo, has a renewed taste for competition.

Europe. But some doubters believe the hurdles are too high. So far, developments in America have been seen as a catalyst. But this week there has been intriguing, if a little far-fetched, talk that BAe is on the point of a transatlantic tie-up with McDonnell Douglas. It might, in the end, prove an easier way to go.

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of Germany already have a successful helicopter ven-ture in Eurocopter. They have just announced plans

For now, the focus is on

